MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

MT. PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

LINE CREEK CHURCH, SCOTT COUNTY, MISP.

On the 4th, 5th and 7th days of October, A. D. 1844.

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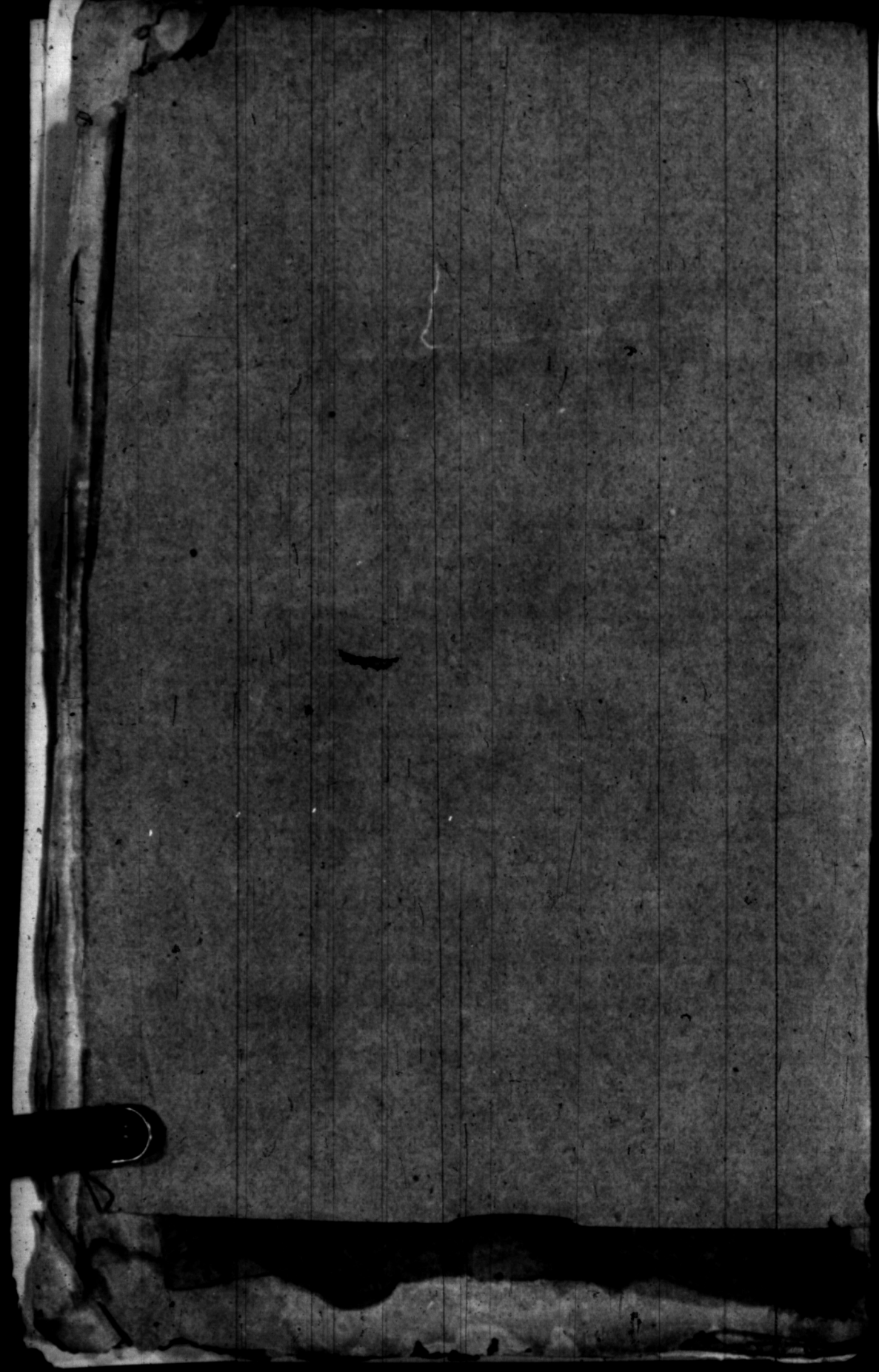

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OF THE

Mount Pisgah Baptist Association.

LINE CREEK CHURCH,

Scott county, Mississippi, Oct. 5, 1844.

THE delegates from the different Churches composing the MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION assembled this day, in their eighth annual meeting at Line Creek meeting house. A sermon, introductory, was delivered at the stand near the meeting house, to the delegates and congregation, by Elder JAMES MERCHANT, from the 9th verse of the 8th chapter of 2d Corinthians: *"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be made rich."*

On motion, Elder CADER PRICE was chosen Moderator pro tem; who, thereupon, opened the business of the Association by singing and prayer.

Letters from twenty-seven Churches were presented and read, the delegates names enrolled, and the statistics minuted. (See table of churches.)

The Association then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, by ballot, which resulted in the election of JOHN P. MARTIN, moderator, and JOHN M. CHAMBERS, clerk.

The Moderator, on taking the chair, made some appropriate remarks. The body being properly organised, the Powers of the Association and Rules of Decorum were read; visiting brethren were also invited to seats, by the Moderator.

A petitionary letter, for admission into this Union, was presented and read, from the First Baptist Church in Canton, Madison county; and, upon examination, being found orthodox in Faith, were received into the fellowship of the Association.

Correspondence was received from the following sister Associations, and their messengers invited to seats in this body:

Pearl River—Elders James Murray and Wyatt Hall, who presented a letter and minutes.

Union—Elder B. Whitfield and John W. Buie;* no letter, a few minutes. Brother Whitfield made some statements in relation to the last session of his Association, which were cordially received; who also announced the death of his colleague.

Choctaw—Elder B. L. Barnes; no letter or minutes. The other messengers of this body failed.

Leaf River—No correspondence.

Liberty—No correspondence.

Resolved, That this body discontinue correspondence with the Liberty and Leaf River Associations.

Appointments, to write letters to corresponding bodies, were made by the Moderator, and approved by the Association.

To the Pearl River—Elder James B. Gage, to write; and Elders William Denson and John P. Martin, appointed messengers.

To the Union—Elder N. L. Clarke, to write; and Elders B. L. Barnes and Cader Price, messengers.

To the Choctaw—Elder B. L. Barnes, to write; and Elders N. L. Clarke and Shadrack Jones, messengers.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator, to-wit:

On Preaching—Brethren James Merchant, chairman; Calvin Myers and Carman Myers.

On arranging the order of the business of the Association—Brethren Wm. Denson, chairman; C. Price, B. L. Barnes, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Finance—Brethren Gage, chairman; Clarke and Barrett.

Brother Eli Nichols, treasurer of the association, presented, through brother Taylor, his resignation as treasurer. Thereupon, brother Thomas K. Green was appointed treasurer for the ensuing year.

The committee to arrange preaching, reported that brethren Murray, Barnes, Price and Jones, preach on Lord's day, in the order of their names.

Resolved, That this Association organise, within her bounds, a system of domestic Itinerancy or Missions for the purpose of supplying her own destitution with the gospel; and that a committee of seven be appointed to draft rules and regulations to govern the same. Whereupon, the following

* Deceased.

brethren were appointed, to-wit—Shadrack Jones, chairman; Cader Price, B. L. Barnes, N. L. Clarke, J. Merchant, J. P. Martin and J. M. Chambers.

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report upon the subject of forming a Bible Society, in the body of this Association; and, thereupon, the Moderator appointed brethren James B. Gage, chairman: James Murray and W. F. Barrett.

Resolved, That brother B. L. Barnes be requested to preach a sermon, on the subject of Missions, on Lord's day, and that a public collection be taken on that day, to aid in supplying the destitute portions of our Association with the gospel.

Adjourned to Monday morning, 9 o'clock. Prayer by bro. S. Jones.

LORD'S DAY.

On this day, the brethren appointed to preach, performed the service, we trust to Divine acceptance, to a large and attentive congregation. Brother Murray founded his remarks on the 1st clause of the 30th verse of 31st chapter Jer: "*but every one shall die for his own iniquity.*" Brother Barnes complied with the request of the Association, and founded his remarks on these words: "*Go ye therefore and preach the Gospel to every creature.*" After which, a collection was taken, amounting to about twenty dollars. Brother Price founded his remarks on the 1st Epistle of John, 5th c: 1st v. Brother Jones concluded the service by exhortation.

Monday, 9 o'clock, 7th October, 1844.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Brother Wm. Denson led in prayer.

The committee, on arranging the order of business, reported; which was read, received and adopted.

Letters of correspondence, to three sister Associations, were presented, read, received and adopted.

Brother J. M. Chambers presented a circular letter, written on the condition of the Church; which was read and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Two of the committee, appointed at the last session of the Association, to examine into the condition of the Bethel Church, Scott county, made a report; which was read, received and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Therefore, in order to carry into effect the object contemplated in said report, brethren W. F. Barrett and J. M. Chambers were appointed to visit the said Bethel church.

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of organising a BIBLE SOCIETY in the body of the Association, through their chairman, made a report; was read, received and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

The committee on Finance, through their chairman, made a report; was read and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

The committee on Itinerancy, through their chairman, made a report; which was read and received; and, on motion to adopt, remarks were made by different brethren, several amendments made, and then adopted as amended. (See Appendix E.)

Brother James B. Gage was requested to prepare the circular letter for our next session.

Brother J. M. Chambers was appointed to preach the next Introductory Sermon, and brother A. Goss, be his alternate.

Resolved, That in view of the low state of health of elder A. Phillips, this Association suspend business for a time, and that prayer be made in his behalf; and, also, of other brethren detained from this Association by sickness.

Brother Clarke led in prayer.

Resolved, That the different *Union Meeting Districts* be revised—which was done—and that said revision be printed in these minutes. (See Ap. F.)

The Association then proceeded to arrange the Union Meetings, for the ensuing Associational year. In order to do which, more effectually, a recess was had of fifteen minutes:

The *Union Meeting* the first district, will be held on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in December, 1844, with the church at Jerusalem.

The *Union Meeting* of the second district, will be held on Friday before fifth Lord's day in March, 1845, with the church at Pinckney.

The *Union Meeting* of the third district, will be held on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in June, 1845, with the church at Stein's Creek.

The *Union Meeting* of the fourth district, will be held on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in August, 1845, with the church at Clear Creek.

Resolved, That the next session of this Association will be held with the Bethel Church, in Newton county, commencing on Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, 1845.

The request from Pleasant Hill Church, in Newton county, asking of this body for advice, in the case of David Cook, senr., an excluded minister, was considered; and, after some deliberation, it was agreed that said church could pursue any course that she might deem proper and precedent according to the gospel.

Resolved, That this Association withdraw her fellowship from the following named churches, to-wit:—NEW BETHEL, EDINBURG, PILGRIM'S REST, MOUNT PLEASANT and NEW CHAPPEL, for having departed from the compact of this Union.

In order to carry into effect the object contemplated, in the first article of the report of the committee on Itinerancy, the following named brethren were appointed by the Association, an Executive Committee of Managers, to superintend that matter the ensuing Associational year:

Of the 1st. *Union Meeting District*—Isaac R. Bass, S. Jones and L. B. Bilbro.
2d. *Union Meeting District*—N. L. Clarke, J. Mallory and Jas. Thames.
3d. *Union Meeting District*—B. Aliston, Cader Price and William Purvis.
4th. *Union Meeting District*—Jas. Merchant, Everet Lewis and W. Toler.

[The Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer of the Association are members of this Committee, by virtue of their offices.]

After mature deliberation, on motion, *Resolved*, That this Association send one minister to preach the Gospel, the ensuing Associational year, to the destitute in her bounds.

Resolved, That brother Alanson Goss be appointed to ride as our *Itinerant* preacher, agreeable to the last resolution; and that he be allowed the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per day, whilst actually engaged in the service of the Association; also, his expenses, in traveling to preach, if any should occur.

Brother Goss, after some reflection, informed the Association that he would endeavor to comply with the appointment that had been conferred upon him, to the best of his ability. According to request of several brethren, special prayer was offered, that the Great Head of the Church might own and bless the labors of bro. Goss, to the salvation of many precious souls.

A request was presented by brother J. M. Chambers, secretary of the *Mount Pisgah Bible Society*, in behalf of said society, asking the privilege to append to the minutes of this Association the Constitution of said society; stating also, that said society will pay the proportional part of the expenses in printing. Therefore,

Resolved, That said request be granted. (See Appendix G.)

Resolved, That the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of these minutes, and receive fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, That the clerk be authorised to draw funds from the treasurer, to pay the postage on the minutes, to the the different churches of this Union.

Brother J. M. Chambers presented and read a circular letter from brother J. M. Peck, corresponding secretary of the American Baptist Publication

Society, in relation to the propriety and utility of this Association forming within her body, and raising a book fund, for the purpose of procuring standard religious books; who also accompanied the same with some remarks. After some consultation, it was considered impracticable at the present time.

Resolved, That the treasurer be authorised to destroy seven dollars and fifty cents of worthless bank notes, in his hands.

Resolved, That the best wishes of this Association be respectfully presented to this church, and vicinity, for that hospitality manifested during the present session.

Resolved, That we return thanks to God for that PEACE and good feeling that has pervaded our body during the session.

Amount of funds sent by the Churches, for Associational purposes, is.....$90 77
" " " " for Domestic Missions, is.....42 37

The Moderator having announced that the business before the Association was finished: Therefore,

Resolved That the Association do now adjourn, to meet at the Bethel Church, in Newton county, on Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, A. D. 1845.

The Minutes were read, approved and signed, a hymn was sung, brother Jones led in prayer, and the Association adjourned.

JOHN P. MARTIN, MODERATOR.

JOHN M. CHAMBERS, *Clerk*.

Post Office address of the Officers of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association:

JOHN P. MARTIN, Moderator.....RALEIGH, *Smith county.*
JOHN M. CHAMBERS, Clerk.....HILLSBORO', *Scott county.*
THOMAS K. GREEN, Treasurer.....JACKSON, *Hinds county.*

Executive Committee of Managers of Itinerancy:

J. P. MARTIN, Moderator, *Raleigh.* ‖ J. M. CHAMBERS, Clerk, *Hillsboro'*
THOMAS K. GREEN, Treasurer, *Jackson.*

Isaac R. Bass, Jackson P. O.	B. Aliston, Brandon P. O.
Shadrack Jones, Carthage P. O.	Cader Price, Brandon P. O.
L. B. Bilbro, Madisonville P. O.	Wm. Purvis, Sandy Hill P. O.
N. L. Clarke, Herbert P. O.	James Merchant, Raleigh P. O.
J. Mallory, Hillsboro' P. O.	Everet Lewis, Garlandsville P. O.
James Thames, Decatur P. O.	William Toler, Westville P. O.

Nett Increase.....29. Ordained Ministers.....17. Licensed Ministers.....10.

STATISTICAL TABLE

SHEWING THE CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE MOUNT PISGAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, AT THE EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION THEREOF, A. D. 1844.

CHURCHES.	CO'TIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	POSTOFFICES	Baptized by letter	Received by experience	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died	Total Increase	Total Decrease	Nett Increase	Nett Decrease	Amount paid to Ass'n	Amount paid to Contingent Fund	Amount paid to Home Mis'n	Amount paid to Gen'l Con.	REMARKS on the MINISTRY.
[illegible]																		
[illegible]tioch	Scott	W F BARRET, L P MERRIL	Hillsboro'	1	1				13	2	28	3	12	$ 3 00		$		2 licensed Ministers
[illegible]tioch	Rankin	J G H BAUGH, L Patrick	Brandon		4	6			1	10	40	1	23	1 50				1 licensed Minister
[illegible]el	Scott	(no delegation)									8							
Brandon	Rankin	(by letter)	Brandon		1					1	100		30					
[illegible]	Newton	T Davis, B Simmons	Garlandsville			1			1	1	24		12	3 00				
[illegible]	Leake	S JONES	Carthage								15	1	15	2 00				
[illegible]nd	Neshoba	Benjamin Land	Coffadalah								18		20	2 00				
[illegible]	Smith	J P MARTIN, J P Johnson	Raleigh		5				7	2	26	1	25	3 00		2 00		1 licensed Minister
[illegible]nton	Madison	B L BARNES, J B GAGE	Canton								29	3	35	5 00				
[illegible]	Madison	T F Taylor	Sharon						4		30		30	12 00				
[illegible]k's Creek	Newton	G Johnson, W M'Callister	Decatur								27		15	1 50				
Enon	Neshoba	J DABNEY, J L Phelps	County Line								21	1	22	1 00				
Ebenezer	Scott	W D Eastland, J Leonard	Hillsboro		2				1	1	60		35	4 00		8 50		
Jerusalem	Rankin	W G Butler, B Alston	Brandon		16						30		30	4 00		10 00		
Liberty	Rankin	C Myers, C Myers	Sandy Hill						1		48		30	2 00				
Line Creek	Scott	WM DENSON, L B Bilbro	Madisonville			1					24	1	12	3 00		6 55		
Mount Pisgah	Rankin	WM TULLOS, J M'Cullough	Philadelphia		1				4		51	3	30	5 00				2 licensed Ministers
Mount Sinai	Neshoba	(no delegation)	Raleigh								27	1						1 licensed Minister
Mount Olivet	Smith		Westville								20		20	2 00				
Macedonia	Simpson	Wm May, Wm Toler	Westville								22		15	1 42½				
Mountain Hill	Simpson	F Holbrook	Jackson City	19	17	6			3	1	40	1	40	5 00				
New Hope	Madison	J R Bass, T K Green	Raleigh								30		20	3 00				
Okolia	Smith	Hiram Miller	Union						12	2	37	2	12	1 15				1 licensed Minister
Pinekney	Newton	A GOSS, S F WALL	Hillsboro'		1	2			1		38	1	15	3 00				
Pleasant Hill	Newton	J Mallory	Decatur								25							
Pleasant Grove	Kemper	(no delegation)			1	6					28		20	3 50				
Rocky Creek	Newton	M Thomas			2	10	1	5	1		60		12	3 00		3 00		
Sharon	Madison	Wm F Bass	Sharon		5	10					19		15	3 15		6 00		
Siloam	Scott	J M CHAMBERS	Hillsboro'	18	15	10		3	3		132		75	5 05		2 32½		1 licensed Minister
Steen's Creek	Rankin	CADER PRICE, J Smith	Brandon		1	6			1		30		25	3 50		4 00		1 licensed Minister
Sulphur spring	Neshoba	N L CLARKE, RY RASBERY	Herberts		6						53	1	25	5 00				
W. Oak Creek	Smith	J MERCHANT, J McLehaney	Raleigh															
				71	99	70	1	57	21	1338	27	652	90	77½	42	37½		10 licen. Ministers

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APPENDIX A.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

The Ministers and Delegates of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association to the Churches composing the same, [illegible]y grace, mercy and truth abound with you:

Beloved Brethren:—We would acknowledge the kind Providence of our Heavenly Father, in permitting us to assemble once more in an associate capacity, for the purpose of attending to the affairs of Christ's Kingdom.

And in addressing our annual circular to you, we shall invite your attention to the condition of the church; believing at the same time, that there is no subject, which should more effectually claim our prayerful consideration.

It is a fact, conceded by all *true christians*, that union and harmony was designed by the Great Head of the Church, to be observed by his followers, and that Christ accordingly gave such directions to the church or kingdom, when he established the same in the world. The prophecies, that were made previous to the advent of Jesus, declare to the same effect. One of tsem says "My undefiled is but one." Several other prophesies testify the same in essence. After our Saviour had come and fulfilled the object of his mission; sent forth his Apostles to the world, established churches in different places, all of whom spoke to the same effect, and universally of the unity of the church. The Apostle Paul, in treating of this subject, says: "There is one body and one spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, and one baptism: one God and Father of all." We conceive it entirely unnecessary to multiply quotations, upon this subject, whilst so much testimony is found recorded in the Scriptures.

In arranging the order of this spiritual kingdom, founded in righteousness and holiness, there consequently arose, in the very existence and nature of her constitution, laws (ordained by Christ) of an obligatory character: *First:* Of the duty that the church is under to God—*Secondly:* Of the duty that each member owes to another and to our fellowmen.

In regard to the duty that believers are under to God, he has required of them that they should love him supremely above every other object, and to obey him in all things with all their hearts. It is God's prerogative, as a creator, preserver and Redeemer, to command, and man's pre-eminent duty to obey. Obedience becomes the disciples of Christ, and we are informed, that by this medium, we are to be known. "For by their works shall ye know them: "By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love to one another:"—John, 35th v: 13th chap.

In regard to the duty that is required of one disciple towards another, and towards our fellowman, we are taught, in the Scriptures, "to love our neighbor as ourselves;" "to pray for all men;" "to pray with and for each other;" "to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace," and "to cultivate brotherly love." One of the Apostles, in reasoning upon this subject, informs us, "that we are all begotten by the same spirit," and that "the eye cannot say to the foot, that there is no need of thee, but that all the members of the natural body are useful and that the body is not com-

plete without all its members." He introduces this plain figure to illustrate to us, the close connection that exists between the different members of the church, as well as also, the love, union and harmony, that should characterise the whole body of Christ. Then, if each member be thus nearly related, should not this stimulate every *true christian* to render obedience to all the divine commands, whether relating to God or to our fellowman. The apostles of our Lord Jesus, in executing their great commission, well understood all these matters—they endeavored to act universally upon these cardinal principles, not only towards each other, but also towards the different churches. Hence, in proof of this position, the great apostle to the Gentiles, had learned, that the brethren of the church at Corinth were somewhat divided; that some were for Paul, some for Apollos, some for Cephas, and some for Christ. He directed that such things should not be: "now, I beseech you brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that ye be perfectly joined together, in the same mind and in the same judgment."

Throughout the apostolic age, and even some time afterward, the churches continued to act upon the precepts of Christ. There were, however, some individuals during this period, who crept into the church to spy out the liberties that appertained to the same. Such were Hymeneas, Alexander, Philetas, Diotreplies and others. We, who live in this age, would do well to reflect upon the examples, that were made by the apostles of such men, and the church of Christ, in this day, to act likewise under similar circumstances.

Through the zeal of the *Primitive Christians*, attended by the blessing of God upon their labors, (under the most unfavorable circumstances of an earthly character) the wheels of Zion moved onward in their course, throughout the principal nations of the earth.

And the whole church of God, in our day, may learn an important lesson, by reference to the manner in which the PRIMITIVE CHRISTIANS acted, in the discharge of the duty that they owed individually and collectively to God, to one another, and to their fellowman. The first step that was taken at Jerusalem, after the gospel church was organised, was in the consecration of all their earthly substance to the service of God, and to the advancement of his Kingdom. The apostles and disciples of Christ, acting under the immediate influence of the Holy Spirit, well knew what things were required at their hands. The apostles, deacons, rich and poor saints, all shared alike, and lived upon the things thus consecrated, "for they had all things common," and every man received as he had need.

From this fund, the apostles were enabled to go into heathen countries and proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. After the apostles had established churches amongst the heathen, as at Antioch, Corinth, Phillippi, Colosse, Thessalonia, Rome and other places, we observe, as is recorded in the scriptures, that the churches sent contributions to the mother church at Jerusalem. Hence, the church at Jerusalem appears to have been the centre of operation, to all the different churches, both Jew and Gentile, for a length of time, even until the overthrow and dispersion of the Jewish

nation, by the emperor Titus, about thirty-odd years after the day of Pentecost.

Brethren, we would not have you to understand from us, that we desire the members of the church at this day, to give every thing they have into a general or common-stock fund, as did the church at Jerusalem, but would beseech you to take the examples of the Apostolic Gentile churches, (as we ourselves are Gentiles) for your GUIDE.

And, what was their course of action? Let us refer your minds to the first part of the 16th chapter 1st Corinthians. The apostle Paul says—"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given, order to the churches at Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week (Lord's day) let every one of you, lay by in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when I come whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem." And again, we would further refer you to the 11th and 12th verses of the 8th chapter 2d Corinthians, where the same apostle is exhorting the same church to her duty in this matter, he says: "Now therefore, perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have. For if there be first a willing mind, it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not." We would also refer you to the reading of the 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th chapters Corinthians; also, the 4th chapter of Phillippians, together with all the *New Testament scriptures*. And from a careful investigation of the same, we are well assured, that you will learn what things the Lord has required at your hands.

And again, we would further refer you especially to the 18th and 19th verses, 8th chapter 2d Corinthians, wherein the apostle has set forth to us the fact of a certain approved minister, having been selected by the churches jointly, to travel and preach the gospel. Hence, he says—"And we have sent with him (Titus) the brother whose praise is in the gospel throughout all the churches. And not that only, but who was also chosen of the churches to travel with us, with this grace: which is administered by us to the glory of the same Lord, and declaration of your ready mind."

We have now referred your minds to the conduct of the different GENTILE CHURCHES. And from that it is evident, first, that they operated and acted under apostolic sanction, and that by regular rule. Therefore, the apostle says, as I have given order to the churches, of Galatia, even so do ye (Corinthians,) that they were to lay by their earthly things, upon the first day of the week, as God prospered them, that there should be no gathering when he came. Thus the fact appears conclusive, that each member of the church was to consecrate something of his earthly substance every week to the service of God and the advancement of his kingdom, as the Lord in his goodness should prosper them. That the churches of Galatia had done likewise. Second, that there was a certain minister whose praise was in the gospel throughout all the churches; who was also chosen by the churches to travel and preach the gospel.

Beloved brethren, we profess to be a part of the church of Jesus Christ,

and above we have called your attention to the manner in which the Gentile churches operated, in raising contributions and sending out ministers to preach the gospel. How have we been acting? Where has been our zeal? Where has been our liberality? Where has been our regular rule of operation? Where is our minister chosen jointly by the churches to travel and preach the gospel? We would entreat you to seriously examine this subject, and contrast the conduct and action of the church in our day, with that of the apostolic churches. If we pretend to be the followers of Christ and his apostles, let us take the whole scriptures for our guide, and imitate in our church capacity, the action of the primitive church; that the nearer we approach to that rule and example, the more we may confidently claim the blessings of Christ upon ourselves and the human race. Therefore, let us have a regular rule of operation, not oppressive or coercive in its character, but in full accordance with apostolic example—OF A WILLING READY MIND, NOT GRUDGINGLY—as God prospers us, so let us do.

By reference to the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom, in the apostolic age, we have abundant testimony that the action, which we have referred to before, was crowned and blessed by the Great head of the church. When at the same time, if we take into consideration, the situation and condition of the world at that time—the attitude which the different nations of the world occupied in direct opposition to the welfare of the church—that the kings, governors and rulers of the nations, arose up almost in mass, to oppose the heavenly principles which the church was propagating—that to become a christian was contrary to the decrees of the Rulers, and that it very frequently resulted in imprisonment, stripes, dungeons, confiscation of property, and even death in its most ignominious form. Circumstances now, with us in this part of the globe, are entirely different. We are protected in every thing that we could possibly desire as christians.

How are we acting in relation to the duty that we are under to God, to one another, and to our fellowman? How are we acting, in proportion to the blessings and privileges that we enjoy? Let our schisms, discords, divisions, lukewarmness, barrenness, and almost perfect indifference to the cause of religion, answer the questions.

God has promised to bless his people in the discharge of the duties, that he has required at their hands; and, on the contrary, he has declared, in effect, that they should receive his frown, and be beaten with many stripes. Therefore, brethren, by the help of God, let us all arise, as one man, to a thorough and active obedience, in all things, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

In reviewing the past history of the church, down to the present time, we see—as is authenticated by different Ecclesiastical writers, in sundry periods through which the church has passed—that great divisions commenced in the church about the fourth, fifth and sixth centuries. That during this period, and for sometime afterwards, error after error was introduced into the church, through designing men, until true piety and holiness had almost left the church; that the traditions of men was absolutely regarded by the church as being almost, if not equal, to the scriptures of truth;

that the true church, in the meantime, separated herself from the main body of professing christians, protesting against the usurpations and traditions of men. The woman (church) fled into the wilderness, according to the predictions of the scriptures, assumed different names, such as: Paulicians, Lollards, Picards, Cathari, Vaudois, Albigenses, Waldenses, Anabaptists, &c. &c., and during the long period of near one thousand years, labored under persecutions of the most severe character. Divisions continued rife, both in Asia and Europe, until the first part of the sixteenth century, when the Reformation commenced in the centre of Europe; which has continued to make great progress, even to the present day, and thereby has prevented, in a measure, that rigid persecution, which had been enforced, by a relentless arm, throughout the dark ages—as they are so called.

Let us now examine the present state of the church of Christ, Divisions, schisms and discord still abound; and consequently, we conceive that the *true spiritual church* of Jesus Christ is severed into a multitude of sects. Such a state of things should not exist—for Christ is not the author of confusion—and is in direct opposition to the express word of God.

Brethren, in reference to the fact last expressed, we are candidly of the opinion, that the *true spiritual church* of Jesus Christ is still, in a great degree, in the wilderness; and that she is scattered abroad, in the different divisions and bodies of professing christians; that many persons, who are attached to different denominations, will be saved; and, on the contrary, we are apprehensive many will be lost. Therefore, we conclude, that under view of the present state of affairs in the church, that it becomes all TRUE CHRISTIANS, of whatsoever name, to take the whole scriptures, invariably, as the man of their counsel, and as the only infallible rule of faith and practice. To cultivate a spirit of christian love for one another; to drop whatever may be found, either in their faith or practice, that does not correspond with the scriptures, and let the scriptures in all things, have the pre-eminence.

Upon a retrospective view of the scriptures, we anticipate a day (and that fast approaching) when all of God's people will see eye to eye, and speak one and the same thing: when denominational names will be forgotten: when the walls of partition and standards of faith, that have been erected by men, will fall prostrate to the earth, and every true christian will serve God in spirit and in truth.

Then brethren, let us cultivate a spirit of christian kindness to all the disciples of Christ, and pray that God's will may be done on earth as in heaven.

All of which is respectfully submitted to your prayerful consideration.

JOHN M. CHAMBERS.

APPENDIX B.

Report of the Committee appointed to visit the Bethel Church.

A majority of the committee who were appointed, at the last session of this body, to visit Bethel Church, Scott county, beg leave to offer the following Report:

THAT they had conferred with brother William Toney, the only white male member in said church; that no conference meetings had been held

for about two years; that said church consists of only one white male member, five white female members, and two blacks; that they wish the church to be dissolved, to join other churches: Therefore, under this state of affairs, your committee would recommend to your body to appoint a committee, to visit said church, to dissolve the same. All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. DENSON, chairman.

APPENDIX C.

Report of the Bible Committee.

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of organising a BIBLE SOCIETY, by this Association, beg leave to Report:

THAT they have carefully considered and examined the subject, and recemmend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the organisation of a Bible Society, as connected with this Association, is inexpedient at this time; but that the Ministers belonging to the Association, be requested to mention the subject to their respective congregations; and, if practicable, report at the next annual Association, the result of their labors.

JAS. B. GAGE, chairman.

APPENDIX D.

Report of the Committee on Finance.

THE committee on Finance, beg leave to Report—That they have carefully examined the state of the Treasury, and find it as follows:

Amount on hand, October, 1843, - - - - - - - -		$ 200 51
Alabama bank notes, - - - - - - - - -		6 00
Shinplasters, payable by sundry concerns, - -		7 50
		$214 01
Disbursements, as appear by the vouchers, (carefully examined) - - - - - - - -	$111 00	
Balance on hand, is handed to Thomas K. Green, treasurer, - - - - - - - - -	103 01	

They would remark, upon comparing the DR. and CR. account of the former treasurer, a discrepancy occurs of $11 00—$10 of which is found in brother J. M. Chambers, account—$1 in brother Clarke's, but as the money forwarded by the former treasurer, (brother Nichols) corresponds with the vouchers, the committee are satisfied that said error occurred inadvertently.

JAS. B. GAGE, chairman.

APPENDIX E.

Report of Committee appointed to draft Rules to govern the Itinerancy.

FIRST—That a committee, consisting of twelve brethren, three of whom shall be taken from each Union meeting district, be annually appointed by this Association, who, together with the moderator, clerk and treasurer, (who shall be ex officio moderator, clerk and treasurer of said committee,) to act

as an Executive committee of Itinerancy, during the intermediate time between the sessions of the Association; five of whom shall constitute a quorum to do business.

SECOND—That the Association, at each session, shall make the appointment of her minister or ministers, as the case may be, to preach the gospel to the destitute within her bounds. That the executive committee of managers shall have full power to fill any vacancies that may occur, in any manner whatever, in the Itinerancy. And if any minister or ministers, that may be appointed by the Association or executive committee, shall act in bad faith, said executive committee shall be, and are hereby empowered, to discontinue his or their service. Said executive committee shall hold their meetings, at the time and place of the different district Union meetings, regularly, on Friday before the fifth Lord's day, in such months as have five Sabbath's in them; and also, on Friday before the meeting of the Association, where the Association is to be held.

The moderator shall have power to call a meeting of the committee, at such times and places, as he may think proper: two or more of the committee concurring in said call.

THIRD—That the churches and brethren, who feel so disposed, in this Association, be requested to send contributions annually, and forward the funds so raised to the treasurer; who shall be the receiver and disburser of all funds raised for this purpose, under the direction of the Association or committee. That a collection be taken up, at each session of this Association, in aid of the objects contemplated in this report.

FOURTH—That the committee make out and present, to each session of this Association, a general report of all labors performed, and the reception and disbursment of all funds placed in their hands.

S. JONES, chairman.

APPENDIX F.

The Churches composing this Association, are situated in the different Union Meeting Districts as follows:

Union District No. 1.
First Bap. Church, Canton.
Sharon,
Doak's Creek.
New Hope.
Jerusalem.
Mount Pisgah.
Carthage.
Siloam.—8

Union District No. 2.
Antioch, Scott.
Enon.
Ebenezer.
Mount Sinai.
Pinckney.
Pleasant Hill.
Rocky Creek.
Sulphur Spring.
Camp Ground.
Pleasant Grove.—10

Union District No. 3.
Antioch, Rankin.
Brandon.
Liberty.
Steen's Creek.
Line Creek.—5

Union District No. 4.
Bethel, Newton.
Clear Creek.
Mount Olivet.
Macedonia.
Okolia.
White Oak Creek.—6

A TABLE

OF BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS IN THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

SELECTED PRINCIPALLY FROM THE MINUTES OF THE CONVENTION OF 1844.

NAMES OF ASSOCIATIONS.	Age...yrs.	Number Churches	Ministers.	Baptised.	Total	Minutes Date	Religious purposes.	Associations for Funds sent up to	CLERKS, and their POSTOFFICE ADDRESS
Chickasaw	5	32	10	497	1494	1843		$ 246 04	S R Spight.....Ripley
Choctaw	4	12	9	195	870	1843		781 41	M Ross.....Dekalb
Cold Water	2	9	6	81	590	1843		28 00	J A Wooten.....Hernando
Columbus	6	21	11	201	1395	1843		495 00	S C Harrington.....
Liberty	7	21	11	147	822	1843		104 66	B F Willis.....Clarke
Leaf River	15	13	8	29	278	1842		139 04	J G Collins.....Mobile
Louisville Friendship	5	13	6	111	557	1843		63 45	J B M'Leland.....Louisville
Mississippi	36	24	10	80	1370	1843		144 85	H D F Roberts.....Liberty
Mount Pisgah	8	29	21	77	1338	1844		153 14	J M Chambers.....Hillsboro
Pearl River	24	32	14	442	1625	1843		309 59	N Robertson jr....
Tallahatchie		18	9		307				
Union	23	29	28	6 6	2429	1843		511 78	W J Denson.....Vernon
Yalobusha	7	11	7	216	896	1843		301 70	J S Talbot.....Troy
Zion	7	23	16	200	1520	1843		356 43	T Fox.....Greensboro
Mississippi River	1	4	7	17	369	1843		32 13	A W Pool.....Clinton, La
Ponola	1	8	4		456	1843			H W Middleton.....Ponola
Bear Creek, new asso.									
Zion's Rest, primitive		18	4	76	585	1841			E Pace.....Gholson
Loosa Scoona, regular		4	2	1	137	1841			
Noxubee, anti		13	4	40	460	1842			
Primitive, anti		7	3	35	195	1842			
Bethany, anti*		7	3		159	1844		28 00	J G Creceleus.....Hillsboro'
		351	191	2038	18042			$3,086 22	
Unassociated churches		1	1		50				
					18092				

*Just constituted.

Ministers belonging to the Pisgah Association—Ordained:

B. L. Barnes, J. Sorsby, *Canton*; Stephen Williams, *Jackson*; Wm. Denson, *Madisonville*; S. Jones, *Carthage*; W. Tullos, *Philadelphia*; N. L. Clarke, *Herbert*; J. Dabney, *County Line*; A. Goss, *County Line*; A. Phillips, *Hillsboro'*; R. T. Gatewood, W. F. Barret, J. M. Chambers, *Hillsboro'*; John P. Martin, *Raleigh*; J. Merchant, *Raleigh*; Cader Price, *Brandon*.—16.

APPENDIX G.

A true copy of the Constitution of the MOUNT PISGAH BIBLE SOCIETY.

PREAMBLE:

At a meeting of the brethren of the Baptist denomination, assembled at the house of brother William Purvis, on Saturday, the 5th October, 1844, the subject of organising a Bible Society, within the bounds of the Mount Pisgah Association, became a topic of interesting conversation, thereupon, it was proposed to form such a society; and, upon motion, brethren J. B. Gage, B. Whitfield and N. L. Clarke, were appointed to draft and present the form of a Constitution adapted for said purpose. In obedience, said brethren retired and reported the following Constitution.

JAS. B. GAGE, chairman.

FORM OF CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This society shall be called the Mount Pisgah Bible Society of the Baptist denomination.

Art. 2. The objects of this society shall be to raise funds to procure and assist in the distribution of the Bible, within the bounds of the Mount Pisgah Association.

Art. 3. All persons contributing to the funds of this society, annually, shall be considered members.

Art. 4. The business of this society shall be conducted by a committee of managers, consisting of a chairman, treasurer and secretary, and five members, to be appointed annually by the society. In the absence of the chairman, any member may be called to the chair, and a quorum of three, with the chairman, shall be sufficient to transact business: provided always, that all the officers shall be regular baptists in good standing.

Art. 5. An annual meeting of the society shall be held on Friday preceding the annual meeting of the Association, at the place where the Association is to be held, at which the committee of managers shall make a report of their proceedings to the society.

Art. 6. Ten members of the society shall constitute a quorum, at any of its meetings, to transact business.

Art. 7. The committee of managers shall meet as often as they think proper, and shall have power to make such rules, for their government, as they shall think best.

Art. 8. This constitution shall not be altered without the concurrence of two-thirds of the members of a regular meeting of the society.

Officers of the Bible Society for the next year:

John P. Martin, chairman, Raleigh. | Jas. B. Gage, treasurer, Canton.
J. M. Chambers, secretary, Hillsboro'.
Josiah Leonard, Hillsboro'. | A. Goss, Hillsboro'.
Wm. Denson, Madisonville. | Wm. Chambers, Hillsboro'.
W. F. Barret, Hillsboro'.

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MINUTES

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MOUNT PISGAH BABTIST ASSOCIATION.

BETHEL CHURCH,
Newton county, Mississippi, Oct. 4, 1845.

The delegates from the various Churches composing the Mount Pisgah Babtist Association assembled this day, in their ninth annual meeting with Bethel Church at a stand. When and where an introductory, Sermon, was delivered to a large and attentive congregation, by Elder J. M. Chambers, founded upon the 26th verse of the 2d chapter of the Epistle general of James: "*For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*"

A short intermission, and the delegates convened in the church house. J. P. Martin moderator, called the brethren to order, and introduced the business of the Association by singing and prayer.

Brethren Sandifer and Murray were requested to preach at the stand.

Brethern Barnes and Barrett were appointed to read the letters from the churches.

Brethren Clarke and Gatewood were appointed an auditing committee.

Letters from twenty-nine Churches were presented and read, the delegates names enrolled, and statistics minuted.

(See table of churches.)

Brother W. F. Barret was requested to act as teller. The Association proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year; John P. Martin was re-elected moderator, and John M. Chambers clerk.

The Moderator, on taking his seat, presented some appropriate remarks. The Rules of Decorum were read; and invitation given to all visiting brethren to take seats with us.

On invitation, petitionary letters for admission into this Union, were presented and read, from Mill Creek, and Mount Vernon Churches; and, upon examination, were found orthodox in Faith, and received into the fellowship of the Association.

Correspondence was received from the following sister Associations, and their m[illegible] invited to seats:

[illegible]berty—Elders D. Sumrall, N. Slay, and W. P. Carter, a letter and [illegible]es.

From the Pearl River—Elders J. Sandifer, and J. Murray, letter and minutes.

From the Union—No correspondence.

From the Choctaw—No correspondence.

Arranged correspondence with sister Associations as follows:

To the Liberty—T. K. Greeh, to write; and Elders J. Moffat sen. J. P. Martin, and L. P. Merril, messengers.

To the Pearl River—W. F. Barret, to write; and Elders Wm. Denson, and J. P. Martin, messengers.

To the Union—R. T. Gatewood to write; and Elders A. Goss, R. B. Stroud, messengers.

To the Choctaw—J. M. Chambers, to write; and Elders B. L. Barnes, and J. D. Abney, messengers.

Resolved, To open a correspondence with the Louisville Friendship association; and to accomplish the same. Elder B. L. Barnes was appointed to write; and Elders W. F. Barret, B. L. Barnes, and Brother I. N. Nichols, messengers.

The following committees were appointed, to-wit:

On Preaching—Brethren R. T. Gatewood, chairman; E. Lewis, H. Nichols, S. J. Denson, and L. R. Bass.

On arranging the order of the business of the Association—W. L. Barnes, chairman, A. Phillips, W. L. Rodgers absent, with the Moderator and Clerk.

On Petitions and requests—S. J. Denson, chairman; Wm. Denson and W. F. Barret.

On the State of Religion—A. Goss, chairman; Calder Price and N. L. Clarke.

On deceased Ministers and Deacons in the bounds of the Association—Brethren B. L. Barnes and N. L. Clarke.

The committee on preaching, through their chairman reported that brethren B. L. Barnes, N. L. Clarke and A. Goss, would occupy the stand on Lord's day, in the order of their names; and brother C. Price conclude.

Brother N. L. Clarke was requested to deliver a Sermon on the spread of the Gospel, and brother A. Goss on the distribution of the Scriptures.

The Executive committee of managers of Itinerancy, through their clerk presented their report, which was read, received; and on motion, was laid upon the table until Monday next.

Adjourned to Monday 9 o'clock.

LORD'S DAY.

On this day, the brethren appointed to preach, performed the service, we trust to Divine acceptance, to a very large and attentive congregation. A deep feeling pervaded, and many sinners gave their hands to the Servants of God to be prayed for. The congregation contributed very liberally to sustain a Minister to travel to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the destitute, in the bounds of the Association, and also to distribute the Scriptures. From every appearance, we have full assurance to believe that much good was done.

Clerk.

Monday, 9 o'clock A. M., October 6th, 1

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Brother Wm. Denson led in

The names of the delegates were called.

The committee, on arranging the order of business, reported; which, was r ceived, and adopted.

Brethren, D. Sumrall and J. Murray were appointed to preach at the stand.

Letters of correspondence to form sister associations, were presented, read, received, and adopted

The report of the executive committee of managers of Itinerancy was called up, read, received, and on motion to adopt remarks were offered by several brethren, and the same was adopted. See appendix A.

Resolved, That a committee of five brethren, consisting of S. J. Denson, Eli Nichols, J. D. Abney, B. Aliston and E. Lewis, be appointed to nominate a committee of managers of Itinerancy for the ensuing associational year; who retired from the house and returned, presented the following named brethren, to wit: I. R. Bass, Wm. Denson, Eli Nichols, N. L. Clarke, L. P. Merril, T. Tullos, J. G. H. Baugh, W. G. Butler, B. Aliston, J. Merchant, W. H. Holland and Thomas Davis; the said report was received and adopted. See appendix B.

Brother J. B. Gage from indisposition of his family, failed to attend with the circular letter.

Resolved, That we suspend the practice of writing a circular letter for the next session of the Association.

The committee appointed to visit Bethel church, Scott county, reported; and on motion, brethren, W. F. Barret and J. M. Chambers, were appointed to visit said church.

The Association proceeded to arrange the Union meetings for the ensuing year. A recess was had of fifteen minutes: and the following announcements were made:

The Union meeting of the first district will be held with Canton Church, on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in November next.

The Union meeting of the second district will be held with Mount Sinai church, on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in March, 1846.

The Union meeting of the third district will be held with Liberty church, on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in May, 1846.

The Union meeting of the fourth district will be held with the Okoba church, on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in August, 1846.

Resolved, That the different churches in each Union meeting district, be requested to send delegates to their respective Union meetings.

The committee on the state of religion in the bounds of the Association, reported; which was read, received, and adopted. See appendix C.

The committee on Petitions and requests, made a report, read, received, and adopted. See appendix D.

The committee on Deceased ministers and Deacons, made a report, which was read received, and adopted. See appendix E.

Resolved, That the articles of Faith, powers of the Association, and Rule of Decorum, be printed with these minutes. See appendix F.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the executive committee of managers of Itinerancy, to appoint Bro. A. Goss (or some other brother,) to travel within the bounds of this Association to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the destitute, for three-fourths of his time; and that he be allowed one dollar per day whilst actually engaged in said service. (After the adjournment of the Association, the committee of managers held a session in the church-house, and unanimously appointed Bro. Alanson Goss, according to the foregoing resolution.) (clerk.)

Resolved, That this Association request of, and recommend to, the different churches composing this Union, to take into prayerful consideration and investigation of the scriptures, and send in their letters to the next session of this body; what place they conceive to be the most scriptural, to supply the destitute portions of our bounds with the Gospel of Christ.

The auditing committee made a report, read, received and adopted. (See appendix G.)

Resolved, That the privilige of appending to these minutes the constitution and annual report of the committee of managers of the Mount Pisgah Bible Society, be granted to said Society; said Society paying expenses of the same. See appendix H.

Brother Thomas K. Green was re-elected Treasurer of the Association.

Brother Alanson Goss was appointed to preach the next introductory sermon; and Bro. B. L. Barnes his alternate.

Amount of funds sent by the churches, for associational purposes,	$96 09½
Amount of funds sent by the churches, for Itinerant purposes,	$138 15
Public collection on Lord's day, for Itinerant purposes,	40 03
Contribution by Bro. A. Goss, for Itinerant purposes,	40 00
Total contributions,	$315 09½

Resolved, That the clerk prepare for the press and distribute one thousand copies of these minutes, and receive $15 for his services.

Resolved, That the best wishes of this Association be presented to this church and neighborhood, for their kindness and liberality in sustaining this body during the present session.

Resolved, That the Association do now adjourn to meet with Jerusalem church, Scott county, on Saturday before the first Lord's day in October, A. D. 1840.

The Moderator sung a hymn and prayed, and the Association adjourned. Thus closed one of the most important sessions ever held by this body; good feeling and brotherly love abounding.

JOHN P. MARTIN, Moderator.

John M. Chambers, *Clerk*.

Post Office address of the Officers of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association.

JOHN P. MARTIN, Moderator. . . . . Raleigh, *Smith county*.
JOHN M. CHAMBERS Clerk. . . . . Hillsboro, *Scott county*.
THOMAS K. GREEN, Treasurer. . . . . Jackson, *Hinds county*.

A List of the names of the Ministers belonging to the Mount Pleasant Baptist Association, with their Post Office address; both Ordained and Licensed.

ORDAINED, B. L. Barnes, *Canton*; J. Sorsby, *Canton*; Wm. Denson, *Madisonville*; R. T. Gatewood, *Hillsboro*; J. M. Chambers, *Hillsboro*; W. F. Barret, *Hillsboro*; L. P. Merrit, *Hillsboro*; A. Phillips, *County Line*; David Cook, *County Line*; A. Goss, *County Line*; Isaac Merchant, *Carthage*; R. B. Stroud, *Philadelphia*; J. D. Abney, *Philadelphia*; N. L. Clarke, *Herbert*, R. Y. Rasberry, *Herbert*; W. H. Holman, *Garlandsville*; J. P. Martin, *Raleigh*; J. Moffat sen., *Raleigh*; Cader Price, *Brandon*; James Merchant, *Raleigh*; S. F. Wall, *Raleigh*; 21.

LICENTIATES, James B. Gage, *Canton*; Edward Beale, *Hillsboro*; James Craft, *Raleigh*; J. G. H. Baugh, *Brandon*; 4.

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STATISTICAL TABLE, SHEWING THE CONDITION OF THE CHURCHES COMPOSING THE NINTH [illegible]
Baptist Association, at the Ninth annual Session thereof, A. D. 1845.

CHURCHES.	CO'TIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES	POST OFFICES.	Total Baptisms	Baptisms by Letter	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Dead	Total Members	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Preachers	Members Added	Members Dismissed	Amount raised for Missions	Amount raised for County Purposes	Amount raised for Church Purposes	Contingent
Antioch,	Scott,	W. F. BARRET, L. P. MERRIL	Hillsboro'	2							30	2	1	20	10	$4 00			
Antioch,	Rankin,	J. G. Baugh,	Brandon,	1	3	1				2	41		1	30		3 32½			
Brandon,	Rankin,	J. Ray,	Brandon,	3	1						38			20		1 50		17 00	
Bethel,	Scott,	No Delegation.									7								
Bethel,	Newton,	E. Lewis, H. Nichols,	Garlandsville	4	2					1	29			20		3 50			
Carthage,	Leake,	I. MERCHANT, I. Townsend,	Carthage,		8	1	1			1	21	1		18		2 00		3 00	
Camp Ground	Neshoba	Ben. Land, J. Pilgrim,	Coffadaliah,	4	4	2				1	23			30		3 00		3 50	
Clear Creek,	Smith,	J. F. MARTIN, J. MOFFAT,	Raleigh,	1	6	1	1				41	2		25		3 00		2 00	
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Doaks Creek,	Madison	E. Nichols, J. Nichols,	Canton,	6	2	7	1			5	62			25		4 00		10 00	
Enon,	Newton	G A Johnson, J M McCallister,	Decatur,	1	1		3	10			16			12		2 05			
Ebenezer,	Neshoba	J D ARMEY, E. Phelps,	Philadelphia,	1		9	1		1		11	1		12		1 25			
Jerusalem,	Scott,	S. J. Denson, J. Leppard,	Hillsboro'	23	6	5	1				85			25		2 43		14 05	
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Liberty,	Rankin,	W. G. Butler, B. Alistead,	Brandon,		3	6					27			15		3 00		11 00	
Line Creek,	Scott,	H. Myers, W. A. Hatson,	Sandy Hill,		5	2		2			50			25		2 46½			
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Sharon,	Madison	J. Richards, W. Joiner,	Sharon,			2		3	1		60			12		3 00		4 00	
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APPENDIX, A.

Report of the Executive Committee of managers of Itinerancy.

The Executive Committee of managers, would beg leave to offer the following Report—Through the Providence of God, we have the privilege and pleasure to present to you, a condensed statement of the labors, that have devolved upon us during the past Associational year. And in reviewing the scenes through which we have passed, we are induced to return thanks to the Great Head of the Church, for his preserving care and tender mercies which have been so bountifully extended to us. And yet in the midst of his mercies, we have suffered under the afflictive despensation of God's Providence in the loss of one of our number; Brother Sandrack Jones has finished his labors on earth, and gone to reap his reward above. We would bow in humble submission to our Heavenly Father's hand. He is too good to do wrong—too wise to err.

Your Itinerant minister brother Alanson Goss, entered actively upon the service of the Association. Soon after the last session of your body, enquiring into the destitute parts, and portions thereof, established appointments in many destitute neighborhoods, and has supplied them with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Chr st.

From the reports that he has made of his labors to the committee, we perceive that there has been gradually an increasing interest manifested under his ministry. At some of his appointments, the Lord has wonderfully revived his glorious work.

He has gone into the highways and hedges, and many have been influenced by God's truth to come to the Lord Jesus Christ, and have been made to rejoice in his saveing grace. The aged, the middle aged, and young sinners, have yielded to the Gospel of Christ; and have been heard to unite in praises to God together. In different places, he has baptised new converts; and from the faithful manner in which he has dispensed the word of life to the dying multitudes, we have abundant reasons to believe that many have become interested upon the subject of religion, and that eternity alone will unfold the fruits of his labors during the past year. In one neighborhood on Mill creek near Pearl river above Jackson, where sin and wickedness reigned to a very great extent; God has powerfully poured out his Holy spirit in the conviction and conversion of many sinners; and a church has been constituted there through his instrumentality.

And we rejoice to know that the opposition to the cause of missions, is fast giving way in many parts of our bounds; and the macedonian cry is heard from almost every part of your limits. "Come over and help us."

With deep regret we make known to you, that the means placed at our control, for the support of Itinerancy, failed to sustain him in the field during the year. We at his third report, found that we were in debt about ninety dollars; fearing we should transcend our powers, we discontinued the services of our Itinerant about the last of August; since that time, he has filled some fourteen or fifteen appointments previously made, and that on his own account, for which he makes no charge; but brethren, he has done the work, and the Good Lord has blessed his labors, and quite a number are enabled to rejoice in the Lord through this effort. And brethren, your committee would earnestly recommend, that Bro. Goss should be paid for this last service. "The laborer is worthy of his hire."

Your Itinerant (in addition to the above service,) has delivered two hundred and twenty-five sermons, with numerous exhortations; baptised nineteen; constituted one church; served two hundred and thirty one days; and traveled three thousand ninety-five miles in the bounds of the Association.

From the foregoing you will perceive that your Itinerant has devoted a great portion of his time in your service, and that we have great reasons to be encouraged to continue at least one minister for the ensuing year, in the destitute parts of your bounds. Quite an increased interest appears to prevail at many of the stations where he has labored, and from every circumstance, we are led to hope that the ensuing year will be more distinguished for the conversion of sinners to God, than the past year has been. All of which is respectfully submitted.

APPENDIX B.

The following Brethren compose the Executive committee of managers of Itineracy for the ensuing associational year, with the Post Office address of each member.

J. P. MARTIN, Moderator, *Raleigh.* || J. M. CHAMBERS, Clerk, *Hillsboro.*

THOMAS K. GREEN, Treasurer, *Jackson.*

I. R. Bass, Jackson P. O.	T. Tullos, Philadelphia P. O.
Wm. Denson, Madisonville P. O.	J. G. H. Baugh, Brandon P. O.
Eli Nichols, Canton P. O.	W. G. Butler, Brandon P. O.
N. L. Clarke, Herbert P. O.	B. Allston, Brandon P. O.
L. P. Merril, Hillsboro P. O.	James Merchant, Raleigh P. O.
W. H. Hollan, Garlandsville P. O.	Thomas Davis, Garlandsville P. O.

APPENDIX C.

Report of the Committee on the state of Religion.

The Committee on the sate of Relgion, in the bounds of the Association, beg leave to present the following report: That upon the examination of the letters from the churches, there is sufficient encouragement to call forth our warmest gratitude to God for his blessings and tender mercies, which have been engaged in your bounds during the past year. All our churches, or nearly so, are supplied once a month, with a preached Gospel—none, we believe, have regular preaching oftener, though much to be desired. Peace and some ingathering of souls, have been realized by most of our churches.—Many churches have enjoyed extensive revivals. Congregations have been enlarged; sinners converted and added to the churches—such, we trust, as God will have to be saved. But, whilst Union, Peace, and Prosperity, are enjoyed by our churches generally, some few appeared to be distressed by disunion and discord, and are in a cold and declining state; such we exhort to examination and repentance, lest their candlesticks be removed, and at the same time, commend them to the prayers and christian labors of the churches and ministers of the Association. We take occasion to remark, that though our churches enjoy a preached Gospel, yet, there are many parts of our Associational bounds destitute of the word of life; in these are baptists destitute of church priviliges, and many sinners bound to ruin, and the cry is, "come over and help us."—

Respectfully submitted.

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

APPENDIX D.

Report of the Committee on Petitions and Requests.

The Committee on Petitions and Requests, made by sister churches to your body, beg leave to present the following report:

First—A request from Steen's creek Church, asking a letter of dismission from you.

Second—A request from New Hope Church, asking leave to attach herself to a new association, in the event of its formation before the next session of your body.

Third—A request from Pleasant Hill Church, to have printed upon your minutes the removal of her place of worship from her old house to our newly erected, near Bro. J. M. Pace's. We therefore, concur in recommending the grant of said requests.

Fourth—A request from New Hope church asking an amendment to the ninth article of the rules of Decorum of the Association, so as to permit a larger delegation from the churches; that is, wherever any church has one hundred members, she should be entitled to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every fifty members thereafter. Your Committee consider said admendment inexpedient at the present time. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. J. DENSON, Chairman.

We the majorty of the Committee on Requests, having been heretofore engaged in the investigation of the case of Coleman Nichols, formerly a member of Doaks creek Church, would beg leave to state that they deem it improper and inexpedient for them to have any thing to do with the affair at the present time.

S. J. DENSON, Chairman.

The minority of the Committee on Requests, begs leave to report, that he does not think that an action can be had on the case of Coleman Nichols, formerly a member of Doaks creek Church, it only being an appeal granted to said Nichols by the Church, unaccompanied by any request of the Church for your action, and consequently, an action would be in violation of the 14th article of the Rules of Decorum of the Association. Respectfully submitted.

W. F. BARRET, Minority of Committee.

APPENDIX E.

Report of the Committee on deceased Ministers and Deacons.

Your Committee on the death of ministers and deacons, beg leave to report: That upon investigation we have to notice the death of two ordained ministers. First, Elder Stephen Williams of New Hope Church, who was a useful, zealous, and efficient servant of Christ, and who departed this life on the 13th day of November, 1844.—Though among us but a short time, his christian demeanor endeared him to all who made his acquaintance. We mourn our loss, but bow in humble submission to our heavenly Father's chastising hand.

Second, In March last, our beloved brother, Elder Shadrach Jones, of Carthage Church, ceased from his valuable labors on earth, and has gone to reap his reward in the kingdom of his Heavenly Father.

In the death of these brethren, the Association has sustained a severe stroke from the hand of God, which calls upon us to look to the Lord of the harvest in humble

submission and prayer, that he will supply their places with other laborers. All of which is respectfully submitted.

B. L. BARNES, CHAIRMAN.

APPENDIX F.

Powers of the Association and Rules of Decorum.

The following is a true copy of the powers of the Association and Rules of Decorum. The Articles of Faith of the Association, I have not been able to obtain, and therefore are not printed with these minutes, according to the resolution of the Association.

CLERK.

Powers of the Association.

FIRST—The churches composing this Union, shall be known and distinguished by the name of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association.

SECOND—This Association regards the churches composing it as independent bodies in all measures of internal government, and it shall never interfere with their rights. They shall act only as an advisory council, and shall assume no authority except such as is expressly delegated to it by the churches. It, however, claims authority over its own members, viz. the messengers of the churches, and the power to withdraw from and disown all churches that depart from the compact, by becoming either heterodox in faith, or disorderly in practice.

THIRD—The principal business of this Association, shall be to promote union and harmony in the churches composing it, and the associations or deliberative bodies, with which it may correspond; and in general to diffuse such Gospel truths as may tend to root out error, and exhibit the declarative glory of God on earth.

FOURTH—All churches or members of churches belonging to this Association, may at pleasure contribute or bestow their goods as deeds of charity, or refuse to do so, without affecting fellowship, and this Associa tion shall possess no power to interfere with this right.

FIFTH—This Association shall meet annually, but the time and place of meeting shall be discretionary with the Association.

SIXTH—This Association shall have Rules of Decorum, that order may be preserved while it remains as a deliberative assembly.

SEVENTH—These powers may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of this body—provided the proposed amendment shall have been made known to the Association in writing at least one annual meeting previous, and shall be conceded in by a majority of the members present.

Rules of Decorum of the Association.

FIRST—The Mount Pisgah Baptist Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the churches composing the Union; the delegates shall produce a letter from the church certifying their appointment as delegates, and the state and standing of the church, and such other information as may be deemed important to the Association.

SECOND—The messengers when convened, shall first appoint a moderator and clerk from among themselves, by ballot at each annual meeting, who shall continue in office

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THIRD—In the election of officers, the person having the highest number of votes for the office in question, is elected, and in the decision of every case that may have been constitutionally before the Association, a majority shall rule.

FOURTH—The moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association. It is expected of him, that he will be punctual, grave, and vigilant in the discharge of his duties. He shall open and close the Association by prayer, or appoint some brother to perform this service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof, and decide between contending claims. He should not speak in debate, except on important questions, nor then, unless he appoint some other member to the chair: decide questions of order. He shall be considered a judge of order---nevertheless, any member not satisfied with his decision, may appeal to the Association---provided he make the appeal the same day the decision is made and not otherwise.

FIFTH--Immediately after the opening prayer, the Moderator shall call for the letters from the churches composing the Union, which shall be read, and the names of the delegates enrolled by the clerk; and on each succeeding day of the meeting, immediately after the opening prayer, the clerk shall call the names of the delegates and notice absentees; he shall minute the proceedings of the Association, and discharge such duties as the Association may direct.

SIXTH—After the names of the delegates to this Association are enrolled and called, all corresponding and visiting brethren and ministers shall be invited to seats by the moderator, and to have the privilige of free discussion in all matters, but not to vote.

SEVENTH---Churches newly constituted on Gospel principles, or dismissed from other associations of our faith and order may be admitted into this Association, upon their sending messengers to an annual meeting of this body with a petition, and signified by the moderator giving the right hand.

EIGHTH---Business of the last Association or of the preceeding day, shall next be read, that business of reference may be attended to.

NINTH---No church in the Union shall have a right to more than two delegates until the number exceeds one hundred, then she shall have a right to one additional delegate for every fifty.

TENTH---Any member wishing to address the Association shall rise from his seat, and address the moderator with the term, "Brother Moderator."

ELEVEN TH---But one member shall speak at a time, and the first up shall be entitled to the floor, and shall not be interrupted while speaking, unless he depart from the subject, or cast personal redection. The appellation of brother must be used in all their addresses to each other.

TWELFTH---No member shall speak more than twice to any one subject without leave of the Association, unless to explain what may have been misunderstood or misrepresented.

THIRTEENTH---All motions made and seconded, shall be acted upon by the Association, unless withdrawn by the mover; and in all cases, the last motion on the same sub-

ject shall be the first in order; and after allowing reasonable time for debate, the moderator shall take the voice of the Association, by those in favor rising from their seats, and shall declare the decision before he takes his seat. The moderator is not to vote in any case unless the Association is equally divided, then in that case he shall give the casting vote.

Fourteenth—This Association will hear no complaint from individuals, nor from any church or churches of this Union, unless it come in the name of a church or churches as the case may be, in writing, certifying that she or they have tried according to the discipline of the Gospel to settle the matter, and could not, in such case, the Association shall give the best advice she can.

Fifteenth—This Association will take notice of no query except it come in the name of a church in writing, certifying she has tried to settle and could not.

Sixteenth—This Association shall have a fund made up by the voluntary contribution of the churches or individuals, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Association; which fund shall be placed in the hands of a treasurer, to be paid out by him to the order of the moderator, at the direction of the Association. The treasurer shall be chosen by the Association at each annual meeting, and until another shall be elected, he shall take charge of all monies and specialities belonging to the Association, and keep regular accounts, and submit them to the Association at each annual meeting.

Seventeeth—No member of this Association shall absent himself while it is in session, without leave of the moderator.

Eighteenth—It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Association, to keep a regular file of the minutes of this Association, and insert the same in a book furnished by the Association for that purpose.

Nineteenth—The minutes of each annual meeting of this Association, shall be read and approved and signed by the moderator and clerk, before the Association rises.

Twentieth—These Rules shall be read at each annual meeting of this body, immediately after the moderator announces the Association organized and ready for business, and as often as the Association may think proper whilst in session, and may be altered or amended at any time, when a majority of the members deem it expedient.

Rules and regulations adopted by the Association in 1844 at Line Creek Church to govern the system of Itinerancy in the bounds of the Association, and printed in the minutes of that year.

Clerk.

Organization and Rules of Itinerancy.

First—That a committee, consisting of twelve brethren, three of whom shall be taken from each Union meeting district, be annually appointed by this Association who, together with the moderator, clerk and treasurer, (who shall be ex officio moderator, clerk and treasurer of said committee,) to act as an Executive committee of Itinerancy, during the intermediate time between the sessions of the Association; five of whom shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Second—That the Association, at each session, shall make the appointment of her minister or ministers, as the case may be, to preach the gospel to the destitute within

ber bounds. That the executive committee of managers shall have full power to fill any vacancies that may occur, in any manner whatever, in the Itinerancy. And if any minister or ministers that may be appointed by the Association or executive committee, shall act in bad faith, said executive committee shall be, and are hereby empowered, to discontinue his or their service. Said executive committee shall hold their meetings, at the time and place of the different district Union meetings, regularly, on Friday before the fifth Lord's day, in such months as have five Sabbath's in them; and also, on Friday before the meeting of the Association, where the Association is to be held.

The moderator shall have power to call a meeting of the committee, at such times and places, as he may think proper: two or more of the committee concurring in said call.

THIRD—That the churches and brethren, who feel so disposed, in this Association, be requested to send contributions annually, and forward the funds so raised to the treasurer; who shall be the receiver and disburser of all funds raised for this purpose, under the direction of the Association or committee. That a collection be taken up, at each session of this Association, in aid of the objects contemplated in his report.

FOURTH—That the committee make out and present, to each session of this Association, a general report of all labors performed, and the reception and disbursment of all funds placed in their hands.

APPENDIX G.

Report of the Auditing Committee, with Treasurer's account annexed.

Thomas K. Green treasurer, in account with Mount Pisgah Babtist Association from October 5th, 1844, to October 3d, 1845. Dr.

Oct. 5th, 1844,	To this amt. received from E. Nichols former treasurer,		$103 01
"	"	" returned by N. L. Clarke,	5 00
"	"	" returned by J. M. Chambers clerk,	10 00
"	"	contributions from churches for associational purposes,	90 77½
"	"	" Itinerant,	42 37½
Oct. 6th,	"	" public collection this day,	19 60
Dec. 29th,	"	" this amt. collected by A. Goss,	2 00
"	"	" public collection at Union meeting district No. 1,	14 53½
May 16th,	"	" this amt. received from New Hope church,	14 95
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Oct. 7th, 1844,	By this amt. paid J. Merchant messenger to last session of Pearl River Association,		5 00
"	" amt. paid J. P. Martin messenger to Pearl River Association,		7 00
"	" " " Wm. Denson,		9 00
"	" " " C. Price Union Association,		5 00
"	" J. M. Chambers clerk to have minutes printed &c,		65 00
"	" " in shin-plasters destroyed,		7 50
8th,	" paid B. L. Barnes messenger to Union Association,		5 00
Dec. 28th,	" " A. Goss Itinerant as per order and receipt,		75 00
Apr. 10th, 1845,	" A. Goss,		81 25
Oct,	" " A. Goss,		42 49¾
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Oct. 4th, 1845, THOMAS K. GREEN Treasurer.

We the Committee on Finance have carefully examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer, and find it correct as stated therein; we also find that the following sums have been received during the present session viz:

Contributions from the churches for Associational purposes,	$ 96 91¾
Contributions of the churches for Itinerant purposes,	138 15
Public collection on Lord's day for " "	40 03

We would further state that $14 95, of the amount stated in the letter from New Hope church has been received by the Treasurer, and accounted for by him in the foregoing account. All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. L. CLARKE, chairman.

APPENDIX H.

First annual report of the Committee of Managers of the Mount Pisgah Bible Society.

The Committee of Managers of the Mount Pisgah Bible Society of the Baptist denomination would beg leave to present the following report—That in order to carry out the objects of the society, your committee through their clerk, and treasurer have procured from the American and Foreign Bible Society, through their agent at Vicksburg, (the Baptist book depository,) and placed in the hands of Bro. J. M. Chambers Depository agent Hillsboro' 50 bibles, and 83 testaments, the precise cost being $44 83 cents, and expenses of freight $1 37 cts. making the whole amount of cost $46 19; of these have been sold the sum of $29 64¼, and given away $8 15; and $10 27¾ worth are yet on hand in the Depository.

Your Committee further beg leave to state, that from the best information which they have been able to obtain from personal observation, and enquiry by the agents of distribution, that there are many persons, and families who are destitute of the word of God; many of whom are unable or unwilling to supply their destitution.

Yet the Society with the scanty means in hand, and the shortness of its existence

have not been able to extend the benefits designed by the Society to the destitute, to the extent desired. Yet we are happy to say, that our efforts have not been entirely unsuccessful, in as much as we have furnished several persons and families with the word of God.

Now as the word of God is the best, and only book calculated to bring man to a proper acquaintance with himself, and to teach him his relation to God; we urge the importance of our untiring efforts to distribute the Volume Divine, so as to supply every destitute family in our bounds with the word of life; being assured that it will not only be a means of benefitting those who may receive the precious Boon, but, that it will be the means of advancing the moral dignity of society in our land. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Constitution of the Mount Pisgah Bible Society.

Article 1. This society shall be called the Mount Pisgah Bible Society of the Baptist denomination.

Art. 2. The objects of this society shall be to raise funds to procure and assist in the distribution of the Bible, within the bounds of the Mount Pisgah Association.

Art. 3. All members of the Baptist denomination contributing to the funds of this society, annually, shall be considered members.

Art. 4. The business of this society shall be conducted by a committee of managers, consisting of a chairman, treasurer and secretary, and five members, to be appointed annually by the society. In the absence of the chairman, any member may be called to the chair, and a quorum of three, with the chairman, shall be sufficient to transact business.

Art. 5. An annual meeting of the society shall be held on Friday preceeding the annual meeting of the Association at the place where the Association is to be held, at which the committee of managers shall make a report of their proceedings to the society.

Art. 6. Ten members of the society shall constitute a quorum, at any of its meetings, to transact business.

Art. 7. The committee of managers shall meet as often as they think proper, and shall have power to make such rules, for their government, as they shall think best.

Art. 8. This constitution shall not be altered without the concurrence of two thirds of the members of a regular meeting of the society.

Officers of the Bible Society for the next year.

S. J. DENSON, chairman, Hillsboro'.

J. M. CHAMBERS, secretary, and treasurer, Hillsboro'.

Josiah Leonard, Hillsboro'. | W. F. Barret, Hillsboro'.
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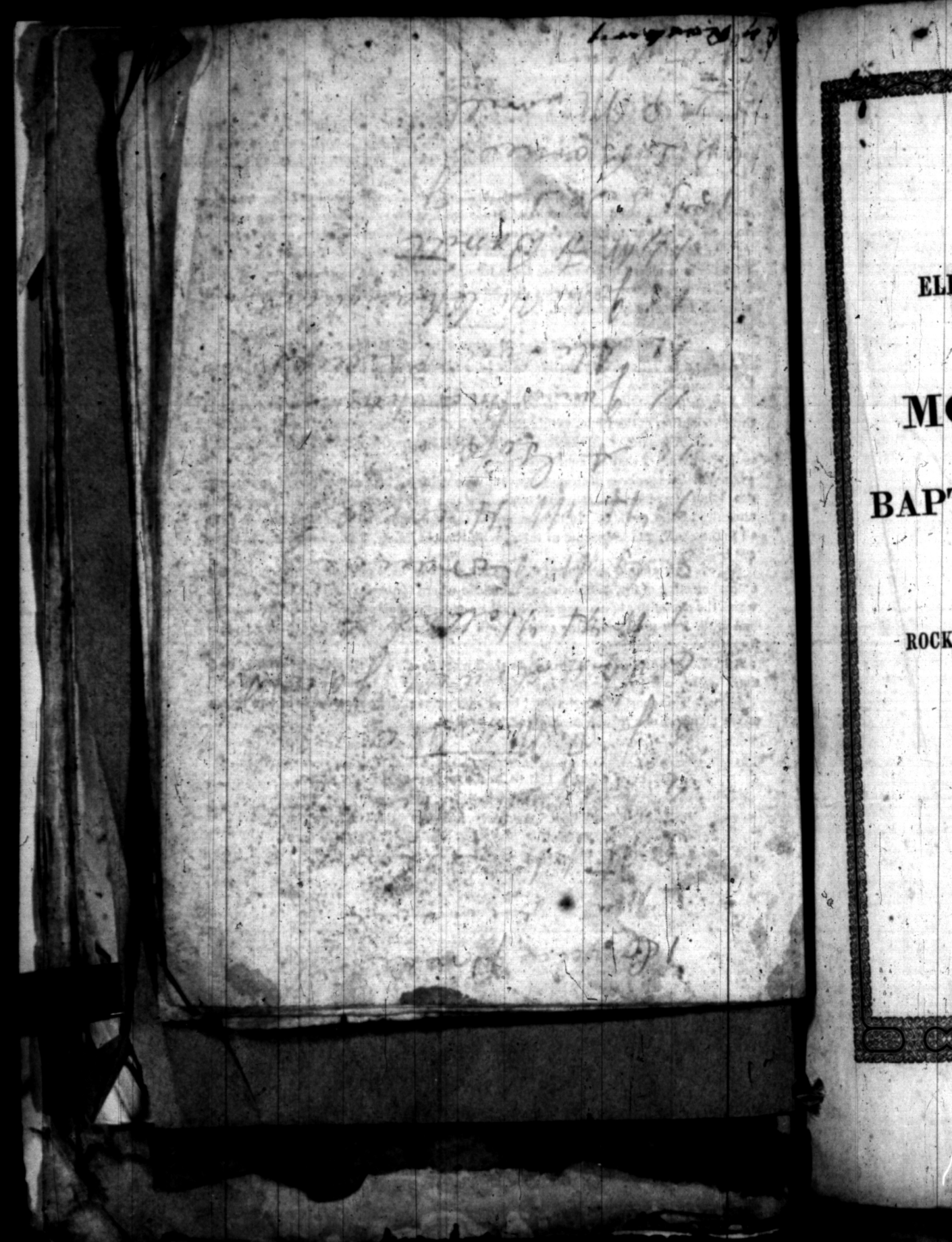

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ROCKY CREEK CHURCH, October 2, 1847.

THE delegates from the churches, and corresponding messengers from sister Associations, together with a respectable congregation, assembled this day at a stand near the church house, when Elder WILLIAM DENSON delivered an introductory sermon, founded upon 2 Tim. II, 15: "*Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*"

A few minutes intermission, and the delegates assembled in the church house, when the Association was called to order by Elder Wm. Denson, moderator. The brethren united in a hymn of praise, and bro. J. D. Abney led in prayer.

Elders James Murray and John P. Martin were appointed to preach at the stand.

Brethren N. L. Clarke and R. T. Gatewood were appointed to read the letters from the churches and other corresponding bodies.

Brethren H. Granberry and S. J. Denson were appointed a committee of finance.

Letters were received and read from twenty-three churches, delegates' names enrolled and general statistics minuted.—[See table of churches.]

Bro. W. H. Taylor acted as teller, and the Association proceeded to elect by ballot a moderator and clerk. Elder WILLIAM DENSON was elected moderator, and JOHN M. CHAMBERS clerk.

The rules of decorum were read, and visiting brethren invited to seats with the Association.

An opportunity was given for the admission of churches into the fellowship of the Association, and the following presented evidence of their being sound in faith and practice, and were cordially received, to-wit: Pinckney, Newton county; Union, Scott county; Judson, Madison county; Bethlehem, Scott county; Good Hope and Fellowship, Leake county; and Pleasant Hill, Smith county.

Received correspondence from the following Associations:

Pearl River—Elders James Murray and William Williams; letter and minutes.

Central—Elders W. H. Taylor, Wm. Allen, and B. L. Barnes;* letter and no minutes.

Liberty—Elders W. P. Carter, B. Rigsby, (failed,) and E. Osburn; letter and minutes.

Choctaw—Elders J. Micou, jr., R. Y. Rasberry, and brethren J. L. Spear and I. White; letter and minutes.

Ebenezer—Elders J. P. Martin, N. Robertson, jr., and J. Moffat; minutes.

Louisville Friendship—A package of minutes.

Mississippi Baptist State Convention—Elders J. Micou, jr., and W. H. Taylor; minutes.

* Absent.

Brethren N. L. Clarke, ch'n, R. T. Gatewood, and A. Goss were appointed a committee to write letters of correspondence to sister Associations.

Arranged correspondence as follows:

To Central—Elders A. Goss and W. Denson, messengers.

To Louisville Friendship—Elders J. J. S. Miles and B. Land.

To Choctaw—J. J. S. Miles and J. D. Abney, messengers.

To Liberty—Elders N. L. Clarke and U. Harveston, messengers.

To Ebenezer—Elders R. T. Gatewood, Jas. Merchant, and J. M. Chambers, messengers.

To Pearl River—Elders James Merchant and J. D. Abney, messengers.

The following committees were appointed, to-wit:

On Preaching—N. L. Clarke, chairman, Eli Nichols, S. J. Denson, Wm. Herbert, and A. Loftin.

On arranging the order of Business of the Association—L. P. Merrill, chairman, U. Harveston, and A. Goss, with the moderator and clerk.

On the State of Religion—J. D. Abney, chairman, N. L. Clarke, and A. Goss.

On Petitions and Requests—James Merchant, chairman, R. Edwards, T. K. Green, and J. D. Abney.

The hour of 10 o'clock on Monday was set apart by the Association to permit bro. J. Micou, jr., agent of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, to address the Association upon the objects of the said Convention.

The executive committee of itinerancy presented their annual report, which was read and received, and on motion, it was laid on the table until Monday morning nine o'clock.

The committee on preaching reported that Elders W. H. Taylor, J. Micou, jr., N. Robertson, jr., and W. P. Carter preach on Lord's day, in the order of their names.

Resolved, that a public collection be taken up on Lord's day, to aid in sustaining home missions in the bounds of this Association.

Adjourned until Monday half past eight o'clock.

LORD'S DAY, OCTOBER 3.

This day at 10 o'clock a large congregation had collected at the stand, when divine service was commenced by bro. W. H. Taylor, who selected the latter half of 12th v. 1st ch. 2d Tim. Bro. J. Micou, jr. followed, from 1 Sam. VII, 12; after which a public collection, amounting to about twenty-six dollars, was received from the congregation to aid ministers to travel and preach the gospel to the destitute within the bounds of the Association.

An intermission of half an hour. Bro. Norvel Robertson, jr., preached from Micah v, last clause of 2d verse: "*Whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.*" In consequence of the ill health of the family of bro. W. P. Carter, he could not fill his place, and bro. J. J. S. Miles concluded the services of the day by exhortation.

From the profound attention of the congregation to the administration of the word, together with the manifestation of the divine presence in mercy to the speakers and hearers, we have great reason to believe that good was done. Many persons came forward to be remembered in prayer. May the Lord of his infinite goodness bless the word of his grace.

CLERK.

MONDAY MORNING, October 4.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment: bro. A. Goss prayed.

Names of delegates called.

The committee of arrangements made a report, which was adopted.

Appointed a special committee on nominations, whose business it was to recommend to the Association brethren to compose the Board of Domestic Missions for the ensuing year.

The committee on finance made a report: received and adopted.

[See appendix A.]

The committee on petitions and requests made a report, which was read, received, and adopted; but was afterwards re-considered, amended, and adopted as amended.—[See appendix B.]

The committee to write letters of correspondence to sister Associations reported, and letters adopted.

The committee on the state of religion reported: received and adopted.

[See appendix C.]

Called from the table the report of the committee of itinerancy, which was read, received, and adopted.—[See appendix D.]

The special committee on nominations made a report, which was read, received, and adopted.—[See appendix E.]

The hour of ten having arrived, bro. J. Micoy, jr., agent of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, proceeded to address the Association.

Resolved, that we send a friendly correspondence to the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, and that brethren A. Goss and Ira Townsend be appointed messengers.

Resolved, that bro. Thomas K. Green be appointed treasurer of this Association.

Bro. Thomas K. Green, appointed at the last session to prepare a circular letter, failed to do so.

Resolved, that we consider it unnecessary to have a circular letter.

Arranged the district union meetings as follows, to-wit:

First district, at Midway academy, the arm of New Hope church, Madison county, on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in October.

Second district, with Pleasant Hill church, Newton county, on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in January, 1848.

Third district, with Pleasant Hill church, Smith county, on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in April, 1848.

Fourth district, with Mountain Hill church, Simpson county, on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in July, 1848.

Resolved, that the rules of this Association, regulating the missionary operations within our bounds, be so amended as to strike out the word itinerant and insert the word missionary in its place; and that the executive committee be called the Board of Domestic Missions within the bounds of the Mount Pisgah Association.

Resolved, that each member of the Board of Domestic Missions be, and they are hereby authorized to receive contributions to aid in sustaining the missionaries of this Association.

Resolved, that the Board of Domestic Missions of this Association be, and they are hereby required to appoint two ministers to preach the gospel to the destitute within our bounds for one half of their time.

Resolved, that our next annual meeting be held with Antioch church,

Rankin county, to commence on Saturday before the first Lord's in October, 1848.

Elder J. D. Abney was appointed to deliver the next introductory sermon, and Elder J. J. S. Miles his alternate.

Resolved, that bro. T. K. Green be requested to have published in the *Mississippi Baptist* a list of the names of brethren who subscribed to the use of domestic missions.

Resolved, that the officers of the Mount Pisgah Bible Society have the privilege of appending to these minutes their third annual report and the proceedings of said society, paying the expense thereof.—[See appendix F.]

Resolved, that the clerk prepare for the press and distribute a sufficient quantity of these minutes, and receive fifteen dollars for his services.

Resolved, that this Association would gratefully present to this church and vicinity their best wishes for that kindness and hospitality manifested on the present occasion to this body.

Resolved, that we do now adjourn to meet with the Antioch church, Rankin county, (about twelve miles east from Brandon,) on Saturday before the fifth Lord's day in October, A. D. 1848.

The brethren sung a hymn and extended to each other the right hand: prayer was offered, and the Association adjourned. Thus closed a very interesting and harmonious session of this body.

WILLIAM DENSON, Moderator.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Clerk.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Association, the Board of Domestic Missions held a meeting in the church house, and appointed Elders J. D. Abney and L. P. Merrill to travel and preach the gospel of Christ to the destitute within the bounds of the Association, for one half of their time, and to receive the sum of one dollar per day while actually engaged in the service.

CLERK.

Names of the Officers, and Ordained and Licensed Ministers of the Mount Pisgah Association, with their Postoffice address.

WILLIAM DENSON, MODERATOR, Madisonville.
J. M. CHAMBERS, CLERK, Hillsboro.
THOMAS K. GREEN, TREASURER, Jackson.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

WM. DENSON, Madisonville.	L. P. MERRILL, Hillsboro.
A. GOSS, Carthage.	J. D. ABNEY, "
J. J. S. MILES, Philadelphia.	DAVID COOK, County Line.
N. L. CLARKE, Herbert.	JAMES MERCHANT, Raleigh.
R. T. GATEWOOD, Hillsboro.	S. F. WALL, "
J. M. CHAMBERS, "	U. HARVESTON, Hillsboro.

LICENTIATES.

IRA TOWNSEND, Carthage.	J. G. H. BAUGH, Polkville.
I. R. BASS, Jackson.	E. BEALE, Hillsboro.
J. L. HINDS, Offahoma.	—— BRADY, Herbert.

Appendix A.

Annual account current of Treasurer of the Association, and report of the committee on Finance.

Thomas K. Green, Treasurer, in acct. current with Mt. Pisgah Association.

FOR ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES.

Dr.

1846.			
Oct. 3.	To this amount on hand this day,		$3 44¾
" 5.	" " returned by J. M. Chambers, clerk,		5 97
" "	" " church contributions,		89 55
" "	" " individual contributions,		6 92½
			$105 89¼

Cr.

1846.			
Oct. 5.	Am't paid J. P. Martin, messenger to P. River,	$2 00	
" "	" W. Denson, " " "	3 00	
" "	" J. Moffat, " to Liberty,	5 00	
" "	" L. P. Merrill, " "	3 00	
" "	" J. D. Abney, " to Choctaw,	3 50	
Clerk to have Minutes printed,		65 00	—81 50
	Balance in treasury,		$24 39¼

FOR MISSIONARY PURPOSES.

Dr.

1846.		
Oct. 3.	To church contributions,	$63 12
" 4.	To public collection this day at Association,	31 47¾
May 30, 1847.	To " " Mill Creek,	8 87¾
Oct. 2.	To Individual contributions,	86 58¾
" "	To this amount collected by A. Goss,	5 00
Balance due treasurer,		50 77¾
		$245 84

Cr.

1846.			
Oct. 5.	By this amount paid A. Goss as missionary,	$94 89	
Nov. 28.	" " J. D. Abney, "	5 00	
April 11, 1847.	" " A. Goss, "	8 95	
May 28.	" " J. D. Abney, "	14 88	
Oct. 2.	" " J. D. Abney, "	94 12	
" "	" " A. Goss, "	28 00	—245 84

THO. K. GREEN, Treasurer.

E. E.

We, the committee on finance, have carefully examined the foregoing account of the treasurer, and find it correct as stated therein.

We also find that the following sums have been received during the present session:

Contributions for associational purposes,	$99 40
" " missionary purposes,	88 77
Public collection on Lord's day for domestic missions,	26 02
Total,	$214 19

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. DENSON, Chairman.

Appendix B.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PETITIONS AND REQUESTS.

The committee on petitions and requests beg leave to report, that they have had under consideration the petitions and requests submitted to your body by the churches, and have noticed that the church at Macedonia has asked for a letter of dismission, and that the church of Sulphur Springs has requested that the "Abstract of Faith" of this Association be printed with the minutes, which we recommend that your body grant. That the petitions from Antioch and Line Creek churches be referred to the delegates from the third union meeting district. All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES MERCHANT, Chairman.

Appendix C.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

The committee on the state of religion in our bounds, beg leave to present the following report: That we have, in addition to our own observation during the past year, examined the letters of the various churches of our union, and from every source of information, we feel encouraged to believe and to say to you that the churches are generally in peace, love, and harmony, and that many of them have enjoyed refreshing seasons from the great Head of the church. Some of the churches have received quite a number by baptism, and new churches have been constituted. For all these great blessings we should feel thankful to God, the giver of every good and perfect gift.

Some of the churches, however, appear to be rather cold and in a declining condition. We would exhort our brethren to humble themselves, live near a throne of grace, devote themselves more to the service of God, and lift up in faith the cry of the old prophet: "O Lord, revive thy work."

Respectfully submitted. J. D. ABNEY, Chairman.

Appendix D.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF ITINERANCY.

Rocky Creek Church, Newton county, Oct. 1, 1847.

The executive committee of itinerancy of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association again feel grateful to the Author of all good, for the privilege of being permitted to lay before your body this their third annual report, which contains the report of missionary labors performed by your traveling ministers, Elders A. Goss and J. D. Abney, during the past associational year.

It will be remembered that at your annual meeting these brethren were appointed to travel and preach the gospel to the destitute within your bounds for one half of their time.

Bro. Goss reports twenty-eight days labor, preached twenty-five sermons, delivered several exhortations, and made many visits for religious conversations and instruction; assisted in ordaining two deacons, and in the constitution of two churches.

Bro. Abney reports one hundred and fourteen days labor in traveling,

25 25 2
114 100 8 220

during which time he preached about one hundred sermons, made many visits for religious conversation, assisted in the constitution of five churches, the ordination of six deacons, and also in the distribution of a large number of copies of the scriptures. During the year they have established several sabbath schools. These brethren report, that though they have traveled over two thousand miles in performing the duty assigned them, and lost no opportunity in filling up vacancies in your territory, yet there were several important points that they did not reach during the year, where the Macedonian cry is still heard. These things, brethren, should fall with force upon our ears, and sink deep into our hearts, and should wake up every energy, attended by your continual prayers to the Lord of the harvest to send more laborers into his vineyard. We believe that the labors of your traveling ministers have been abundantly blessed, and that it is your interest and duty to continue faithful brethren in the field for one year more at least, by which means if we are blessed as we have been during the past year, we may look forward to that happy period when our territory will be generally furnished with churches; and we are rejoiced to say, that we are fully assured that the liberality of your churches and brethren will sustain the effort. For such manifestations of divine favor, we should ever abound in the work that God has assigned to us.

Appendix E.

Names of the members of the Board of Domestic Missions in the bounds of the Mount Pisgah Baptist Association, with the postoffice address of each.

WILLIAM DENSON, CHAIRMAN.

I. M. CHAMBERS, Secretary.

1st *dist.*—Eli Nichols, Canton.
" " R. Edwards, Offahoma.
" " W. W. Ely, Hillsboro.
2d *dist.*—N. L. Clarke, Herbert.
" " T. Tullos, Philadelphia.
" " J. M. Pace, County Line.

THOS. K. GREEN, Treasurer.

3d *dist.*—W. C. Tibbs, Hillsboro.
" " C. G. Smith, Brandon.
" " H. Granberry, "
4th *dist.*—James Merchant, Raleigh.
" " J. H. Gary, Decatur.
" " H. Nichols, Garlandsville.

Statistical Table showing the

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Counties	POSTOFFICE.	Baptized	Restored	Received by letter.
Antioch,	C. G. Smith, L. Lungino,	Rankin,	Brandon,	2		5
Benevolence,	R. Edwards, G. Allen,	Leake.	Offahoma,	16		9
Brandon,	No delegation,	Rankin,	Brandon,			
Bethel,	T. Davis, H. Nichols,	Newton,	Garlandsville	9		5
Carthage,	A. Goss, I. Townsend,	Leake,	Carthage,			12
Camp Ground,	J. J. S. Miles, B. Land,	Neshoba,	Philadelphia	11	1	8
Doak's Creek,	Eli Nichols, J. S. Tucker,	Madison,	Canton,	2		4
Ebenezer,	No delegation,	Neshoba,	Philadelphia			
Enon,	T. J. Runnels, A. Laird,	Newton,	Decatur,			
Hillsboro,	J. M. Chambers, R. T. Gatewood,	Scott,	Hillsboro,	2		3
Jerusalem,	S. J. Denson, W. W. Ely,	Scott,	Hillsboro,	1		2
Liberty,	A letter,	Rankin,	Brandon,			2
Line Creek,	W. C. Tibbs,	Scott,	Hillsboro,	3		4
Mount Olivet,	J. Furlough,	Smith,	Raleigh,	1		3
Mount Pisgah,	William Denson,	Rankin	Madisonville,			6
Mount Sinai,	T. Tullos, J. L. Kennedy,	Neshoba,	Philadelphia,		3	4
Macedonia,	William Toler, William May,	Simpson,	Westville,	1	1	
Mill Creek,	W. B. Smith, H. Granberry,	Rankin,	Brandon,	3		5
Mountain Hill,	R. Kennedy,	Simpson,	Westville,	1		
Mount Vernon,	I. H. Gary,	Newton,	Garlandsville	12		13
New Hope,	T. K. Green, J. L. Swann,	Madison,	Jackson,	28		
Pleasant Hill,	L. P. Merrill, J. M. Pace,	Newton,	County Line,			
Pleasant Grove,	No delegation,	Kemper,	De Kalb,			
Rocky Creek,	A. Loftin, D. Johnson,	Newton,	Decatur,	1	1	9
Sulphur Springs,	N. L. Clarke, W. Herbert,	Neshoba,	Herbert,	6		10
White Oak,	James Merchant,	Smith,	Raleigh,	2		2
New Churches.						
Pinckney,	L. Jenkins, H. Hill,	Newton,	Union,	9		
Union,	U. Harveston, M. C. Thomas,	Scott,	Hillsboro,	1		
Judson,	*J. L. Hinds,*	Madison,	Offahoma,			
Bethlehem,	J. D. Abney, R. P. Chambers,	Scott,	Hillsboro,			
Good Hope,	T. W. Breedlove, F. P. Lee,	Leake,	Carthage,			
Fellowship,	E. T. Hanson,	Leake,	Carthage,			
Pleasant Hill,	*J. G. H. Baugh,*	Smith,	Polkville,			
				116	6	106

Condition of the Churches.

Restored by letter.	Received by letter.	Excluded	Dismiss'd by letter.	Died.	Total No. Members.	Ordained Ministers.	Licen'tes	Minutes.	Copies	CONTRIBUTIONS. Associational purposes.	CONTRIBUTIONS. Missionary purposes.	PASTOR OR SUPPLY.
	5		7	2	41	-	-	-	15	$2 50	$13 00	J. D. Abuey, S., as missionary.
	9		1		37	-	-	-	20	2 00	——	A. Goss, supply.
					13	-	-	-	10	——	——	No supply.
	5			1	40	-	1	-	20	3 00	——	R. T. Gatewood, supply.
	12		1	1	38	-	1	-	25	2 00	6 25	A. Goss, pastor.
	8		13	1	41	1	-	-	50	4 00	3 00	J. J. S. Miles, pastor.
	4				62	-	-	-	25	10 10	——	B. L. Barnes, supply.
					11	-	-	-	6	——	——	No supply.
					22	-	-	-	10	1 50	——	No supply.
	3				25	2	-	-	20	3 00	7 00	J. M. Chambers, pastor.
	2		16		77	-	-	-	25	3 50	5 85	William Denson, supply.
	2		4		26	-	-	-	15	4 00	6 00	William Denson, supply.
	4			1	53	-	-	-	25	4 30	4 31	J. D. Abney, supply.
	3											
	6		4		20	-	-	-	15	3 00	——	James Merchant, supply.
	4				28	1	-	-	25	4 00	4 75	William Denson, pastor.
			2		27	-	-	-	20	4 00	——	N. L. Clarke, S., in the week.
	5		1		36	-	-	-	25	5 00	——	J. Sandifer, supply.
			1		35	-	-	-	25	3 50	3 90	A. Goss, supply.
	13				22	-	-	-	20	2 00	3 25	S. F. Wall, supply.
			1	2	48	-	-	-	20	3 25	——	J. D. Abney, pastor.
			6	2	154	-	1	-	20	5 00	5 00	William Denson, supply.
					46	2	-	-	20	4 00	——	L. P. Merrill, pastor.
					18	-	-	-	10	——	——	J. J. S. Miles, supply.
	9				40	-	-	-	25	4 00	2 00	N. L. Clarke, supply.
	10		6		60	1	1	-	40	3 50	7 00	N. L. Clarke, pastor.
	2			1	57	2	-	-	25	3 25	3 25	S. F. Wall and J. Merchant.
					34	-	-	-	25	3 35	——	N. L. Clarke, supply.
					13	1	-	-	10	3 50	——	U. Harveston, pastor.
					9	-	1	-	12	1 50	3 25	
					11	1	-	-	12	2 45	9 00	
					12	-	-	-	10	1 25	——	
					7	-	-	-	12	1 50	1 50	
					9	-	1	-	10	1 50	——	
6	106		32	16	1172	12	6		675	$99 45	$88 31	

Nett gain, besides new churches, one hundred and seventeen members.

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Abstract of Faith

Upon which the Association was constituted at Mount Pisgah Church, Rankin county, on the 27th of November, 1837.

We, a part of the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving a federal union among all the churches of the same faith and order, do, therefore, agree to unite and form ourselves into a union, to be known and designated by the name of the "Mount Pisgah Association."

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1st. We believe in one only living and true God, and that there is a Trinity of persons in the Godhead, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost—equal in essence, and power, and glory.

2d. We believe that the scriptures of the old and new Testament were given by the inspiration of God—are of divine authority—and the only rule of faith and practice.

3d. We believe in the fall of Adam—in the imputation of his sin to all his posterity—in the total depravity of human nature—and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4th. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people, and in the eternal, unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

5th. We believe that sinners are only justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto all and upon all them that believe.

6th. We believe all those who are chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world are, in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted, and sanctified; and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7th. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus; who, by the satisfaction which he made to law and justice, "in becoming an offering for sin," hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

8th. We believe good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification—are evidences of a gracious state; and that it is a duty of all believers to perform them from a principal of love.

9th. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment; and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Appendix F.

Proceedings of the Mount Pisgah Bible Society, in its third annual session thereof, held at Rocky Creek Church, October 1st and 2d, 1847.

The Mount Pisgah Bible Society met this day pursuant to adjournment. A sermon was delivered previous to the meeting. Bro. J. Leonard, the chairman of the society, being absent, bro. N. L. Clarke was called to preside pro tem.

The committee of managers were not prepared to submit their annual report, whereupon the society adjourned to Saturday morning, nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, 9 o'clock A. M., Oct. 2, 1847.

The Society met pursuant to adjournment. The chairman being absent, Elder R. T. Gatewood was called to preside. Brother J. P. Martin led in prayer.

The Board of Managers made their report, accompanied by the account current of the treasurer and depository agent, which was received and adopted.

On motion, the secretary was instructed to ask of the Mount Pisgah Association the privilege of appending to her minutes the proceedings and annual report of this society, this society defraying the expense thereof.

An opportunity was afforded to the brethren to become members of the Bible Society, when a number came forward and enrolled their names.

The society proceeded to elect managers for the ensuing year. Elder J. D. Abney was chosen president and chairman; J. M. Chambers secretary, depository agent, and treasurer; and brethren L. P. Merrill, S. J. Denson, R. T. Gatewood, C. Myers, and F. T. Hanson managers.

Resolved, that the depository agent be requested to procure future supplies of Bibles and Testaments direct from the American and Foreign Bible Society, at New York city.

Resolved, that the ministers of the gospel within our bounds and other brethren be requested by this society to make inquiry for families destitute of the Bible, and report such destitution to the Board of Managers.

The Society then adjourned, to meet on Friday before the first Lord's day in October, 1848, with the Antioch church, Rankin county. Bro. N. L. Clarke led in prayer.

J. D. ABNEY, President.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Secretary.

Third Annual Report

Of the Managers of the Mount Pisgah Bible Society, presented at Rocky Creek Church, October 2, 1847.

THE committee of managers of the Mount Pisgah Bible Society are permitted, through the mercies and blessings of God, to present their third annual report to your body. We feel encouraged in the work which you have confided to us. We have distributed a considerable number of copies of the sacred scriptures. Many copies, both Bibles and Testaments, have been donated to individuals. Upwards of two hundred Bibles and Testaments have been scattered abroad in different portions of your territory. From the information we have received, many persons are still destitute of the Bible. We refer you to the annexed account current of the treasurer and depository agent for further information in reference to the society's operations during the past year. We recommend to your consideration the great importance of continuing your efforts in the distribution of the Bible—the word of truth—to the destitute in your bounds, until every family shall be supplied. May God incline us all to be more active in his work, and sustain us by his rich grace.

R. T. GATEWOOD, Chairman pro tem.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Secretary.

Third Annual Account Current.

J. M. Chambers, Depository Agent and Treasurer, in account current with the Mount Pisgah Bible Society, from the 5th October, 1846, to the 1st October, 1847, inclusive.

Dr.

1846.			
Oct. 5.	To am't cash received according to annual report this day,		$51 18¼
" " "	unsettled in hands of agents,		13 63
" " "	on hand in depository,		34 42½
" " "	cash from contributions this day;		16 00
" 1, 1847.	received from sales of Bibles and Testaments,		65 04
" " "	Bibles and Testaments given away,		25 30
" " "	unsettled in the hands of agents,		14 50
" " "	on hand in depository,		22 45
			$243 52¾

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1846.			
Nov.	By cash paid for Bibles and Testaments,	$50 45	
" " "	expenses on same,	1 50	
" " "	printing proceedings,	5 00	
May 20, 1847.	" bill of Bibles and Testaments,	27 06	
" " " "	expenses on same,	00 88	
Oct. 1.	By am't settled by agents (as stated unsettled in annual report) given away,	10 00	
" " "	Bibles and Testaments given away,	25 30	
" " "	unsettled in the hands of agents,	14 50	
" " "	cash paid freight on Bibles to agents,	00 50	
" "	Amount of Bibles on hand in depository,	22 45	$158 14
	Amount cash on hand,		$85 38¾

Note by the Clerk.—Since the adoption of the above account current by the society, I have, in the examination of the items, ascertained an error against myself of thirty-four dollars and forty-two and a half cents, which should be credited to me, and would leave a balance of cash on hand of fifty dollars and ninety-six and a quarter cents.

J. M. CHAMBERS, Sec. and Treas.

Officers of the Mount Pisgah Bible Society.

Elder J. D. ABNEY, President and Chairman, Hillsboro.
Elder J. M. Chambers, Sec'y, Depos. Agent and Treasurer, Hillsboro.

MANAGERS.

Elder R. T. Gatewood, Hillsboro. | Elder L. P. Merrill, Hillsboro.
Bro. S. D. Denson, " | Bro. C. Myers, "
F. S. Hanson, Hillsboro.

DEPOSITORY

OF

BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS

OF THE

MOUNT PISGAH BIBLE SOCIETY,

VARIOUS SIZES AND BINDING,

AT

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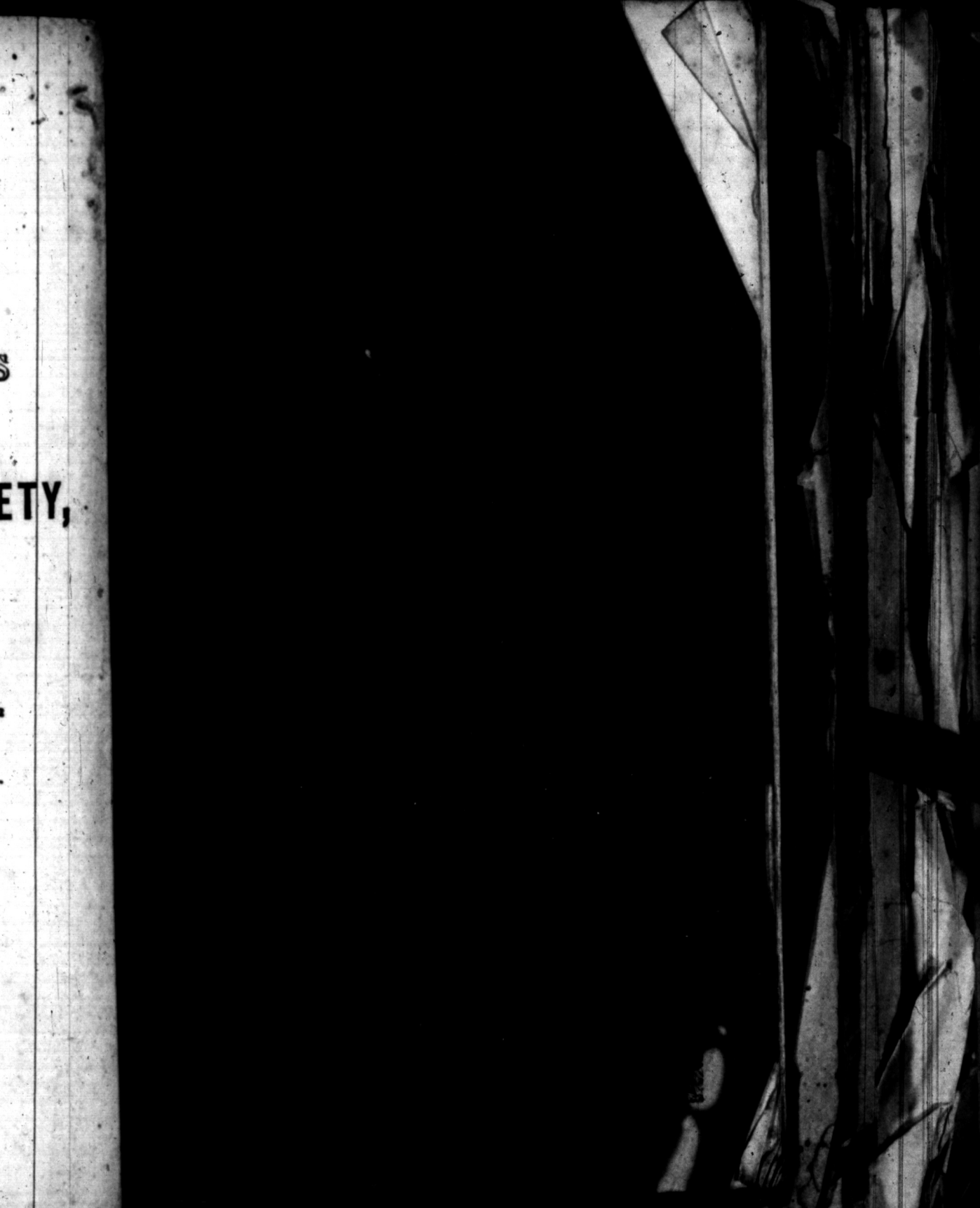
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